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Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, JUNE 4 (UP).—WELL INFORMED TRAVELLERS FROM SYRIA ESTIMATE THAT 25,000 SOLDIERS ACCOMPANIED THE FRENCH COLONEL COLLET IN HIS FLIGHT TO PALESTINE TO JOIN THE DE GAULLIST MOVEMENT. THE TRAVELLERS REPORTED THAT FRENCH PLANES ARE STILL ESCAPING TO PALESTINE WHILE FRENCH FIGHTER PLANES REMAIN PASSIVE DURING R.A.F. RAIDS ON SYRIA.

It is alleged that the native troops are strongly Do Gaullist and there is but little prospect that the French will offer more than a token resistance. It is stated that there is an acute bread shortage which has accelerated the demoralisation throughout Syria.

GERMAN INFILTRATIONS

(By "Reuter" on the Syrian Frontier)

CAIRO, June 4.—Reports trickling over the frontier indicate that steady German infiltration of Syria continues by land, sea and air. Thrice weekly the Taurus express disgorges batches of approximately 50 Nazis while further Germans continue to arrive by plane at Syrian airports.

The latest reports indicate that more than 12 planes are arriving daily, many of which are fighters. Yesterday 150 troop-carriers landed at Rayak but for what purpose is unknown as all were empty.

Although the reports are unconfirmed, I believe that the 400 so-called wounded who recently landed at Beirut from a hospital ship are members of the Nazi Tank Corps, which has now taken control of French armoured cars and tanks which had lain idle for four months.

Coincidentally comes the news of the tightening of the Vichy iron grip. Any officers attempting to escape to Palestine are shot on the spot. This fact is proved by the news that two were shot yesterday while attempting to cross the border.

Revenge On Families

Furthermore the Army has been warned that if they attempt to escape, their families will be imprisoned and their goods confiscated.

One who reached Palestine said that Senegalese were manning the frontier. They are mostly pro-British and now have ten Vichy officers to every 100 men. These officers are instructed that if any British attempt to cross the frontier to Syria, they must shoot.

Hotels Reserved

Although most of the Germans arriving in Syria disappear immediately to unknown destinations in the interior, three of the leading hotels in Beirut are reserved for Germans only. The majority of the Germans are selected for their knowledge of French. They are excellent linguists but their writing in the hotel registers reveals their nationality.

Those coming from Turkey inscribe via Aleppo instead of Alep, which is the true French version.

The majority of Frenchmen in Syria secretly express disgust at the German infiltration and understanding of the British suppression of the Iraq rebellion, while the determined attacks on Syrian airports and the desertion of Colonel Collet are all having an encouraging effect.

Frontier Is Quiet

Meanwhile the frontier is supremely quiet and after a tour extending from the Mediterranean to the Sea of Galilee, I saw nothing which indicated that secret movements are going on in Syria.

Crops are now ripe: Jews and Arabs alike are peacefully harvesting in the frontier region.

French Ports For Germans

Dakar Being Used As Submarine Base

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 4 (UP).—The "News Chronicle's" naval commentator lists six French naval bases which have been made available to the French and Germans under the Darlan-Hitler agreement, namely, Sete, Ville Franche, Beirut, Algiers, Casablanca and Dakar.

"Germany is already using Dakar as a submarine base and U-boats from there have practically blockaded the Cape Verde islands," he declared.

"Under the terms of the agreement Germany will be able to base surface raiders and warships there as well as at Casablanca thus threatening the great north and south trade routes of the Atlantic.

"Reuter" adds that if this report is borne out by developments, it is obviously of first-class importance.

Possession of Dakar would put German ships at a base where the distance between Africa and the South American continent no more than about 2,000 miles and would also constitute a further menace to British shipping from West African ports.

Vichy Denial

VICHY, June 4 (Reuter).—Reports published abroad that six French naval bases had been set aside for joint occupation by Franco-German forces are formally denied in authoritative circles here, says the official French news agency.

U. S. SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

Nearly 70 Vessels Available

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—The Maritime Commission to-day ordered 14 Atlantic and Gulf Coast Line operators to make available to Britain 50 per cent of their tonnage. It is estimated that this will affect from 60 to 70 vessels of approximately 375,000 tons.

Ready To Man Ships

Informed sources to-day stated that the United States has crews ready to man immobilised foreign ships as soon as they are requisitioned under the bill which is now waiting President Roosevelt's signature.

Government shipping officials are reported to be eager to see some of the ships operating because the transfer of merchantmen to Britain and the Army and Navy has seriously depleted the merchant marine.

Meanwhile, the Maritime Commission is expected to conclude agreements with several steamship lines within a few days to acquire freighters and passenger ships which are needed by the Army and Navy as transports and supply ships. The Navy is expected to man some of these so that the present crews would be free to serve on the requisitioned ships.

MOSUL OILFIELDS SEIZED

No Evidence Of Sabotage

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—The occupation of Mosul was carried out by British air-borne and ground troops yesterday, according to military circles in Cairo which, owing to lack of news, are unable to state whether the British met with any resistance.

The same circles said that there was no evidence of any particular damage to the oil-pumping stations and that the wells were intact.

Declared Enemy Country

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—The Egyptian Ministry of Finance has placed Syria on the list of countries with which it is forbidden to trade as "being occupied either by Germany or Italy."

British Oil For Thailand

Important Effects

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, June 4 (UP).—Major Vilas Osthananda told the "United Press" to-day that British oil companies, through the good offices of the Straits Government, have agreed to supply oil to Thailand in an undetermined amount, but "sufficient to save Thailand from a serious shortage."

The Major stressed the fact that although the negotiations do not constitute an Anglo-Thai rapprochement, the conversations with defence chiefs and civic leaders in Singapore had "cleared up many misunderstandings which had been created by foreign propaganda."

Meanwhile, Admiral Layton declared that the Thai Mission is nearing a successful conclusion with the British oil companies and that Thai's leaning toward Britain is "discernible."

German-American Bund Closed

TRENTON, N.J., June 4 (Reuter).—Four stormy years of waving swastika flags and shouting "Heil" at Camp Nordland came to an end on Wednesday with the sale of the Camp and the surrender of the Charter of the German-American Bund in New Jersey.

The Bund's counsel revealed that the camp was sold for $23,500 to 217 individual mortgagees, and the Charter returned to the Secretary of the State a few hours after New Jersey State Legislature had passed a law repealing the Charter.

Egyptian Cabinet Changes

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—A Cabinet reshuffle is taking place here. Members of the Cabinet have submitted their resignations to the Premier, who in turn sent his resignation to King Farouk to-night.

It is understood that the re-forming of the Cabinet will be completed to-morrow under the same Premier and with the Saadist Party and Wafd still refusing to join the Cabinet.

While the Wafd will still remain outside the Cabinet, this is purely a question of internal politics and has nothing to do with external affairs.

The Wafd wants a general election held first before entering the National Government whereas other parties consider this undesirable in wartime.

The idea of further broadening the basis of the government is generally welcomed here.

Latest Nazi Fighters Shot Down

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—Two of Germany's latest Messerschmitt fighters, MF-109F, were shot down into the English Channel this evening.

They were among a number which attempted to cross the Kent coast above the clouds but were tackled by cannon-firing Spitfires. One British fighter is missing.

The ME-109F is a development of last year's ME-109, the chief new feature being bigger engine power.

INVASION PORTS RAIDED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOLKESTONE, June 4 (UP).—Heavy explosions across the mist shrouded Channel to-day indicated that the R.A.F. had attacked the northwest France invasion port area at least twice this afternoon.

The explosions, which continued for quite some time, shook southeast England coast towns.

BATTLE OF ATLANTIC

Efficacy Of U.S. Patrol Discussed

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—The United States Navy has not yet been able to determine whether the expansion of the United States naval patrol has substantially reduced the effectiveness of German submarine operations.

This was stated by Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, to-day. The Germans, he said, were claiming a tremendous number of sinkings, but "hitherto the British had generally been right" in contending that the true figures were much less than the German claims.

To Train Pilots

Colonel Knox, who was speaking at a press conference, disclosed that the United States Navy had offered to train pilots for Britain similarly to the undertaking of the United States Army.

Colonel Knox understood that the initial contingent would number 3,000.

Colonel Knox also reported that the British had made no new requests for destroyers but were asking for all help possible in merchantmen transfers.

Cyprus Prepares For Assault

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NICOSIA, Cyprus, June 4 (UP).—Reports state that the populace of Cyprus is leaving for the countryside while British force are prepared to meet a possible German invasion.

The general belief is that the Germans will find Cyprus more difficult to conquer than Crete.

Not Bombs, But Dynamite

Big explosions have been shaking the City of London again, but not from Nazi bombs. It is part of the job of clearing up after a Nazi fire raid. Hundreds of Sappers and other workers are carrying out blasting operations and the walls of burnt-out buildings regarded as unsafe are blown sky high. This picture shows buildings being treated this way in the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral.

ENEMY CONVOY IS BROKEN UP

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—A "highly successful" aerial attack on an enemy convoy is recorded in the R.A.F. Middle East communique to-day.

It states: "As a result of reconnaissance carried out by Maryland aircraft, R.A.F. bombers yesterday attacked a convoy of enemy merchant vessels escorted by destroyers, which were proceeding southwards off the Tunisian coast.

"One ship of about 8,000 tons blew up with such tremendous force that flying debris hit and damaged other ships in the convoy. Debris also struck one of our bombers which crashed into the sea.

"Direct hits were also registered on another ship of about 5,000 tons in the convoy and it was left ablaze with columns of smoke pouring from amidships.

"Other vessels were damaged.

Malta

"An Italian three-engined aircraft was shot down by our fighters into the sea at Malta. The crew were last seen on the wing of their aircraft.

"While on reconnaissance flight off the island of Cephalonia, one of our aircraft attacked an Italian seaplane which was taxiing on the water and destroyed it.

Cirenaica

"In Cirenaica, South African fighters machine-gunned a number of enemy aircraft on the landing ground at Gambut, destroying three.

"Benghazi was raided during the night of June 2-3 and large fires were started on the moles and among military buildings.

Abyssinia

"Enemy positions in Abyssinia, particularly at Debarech, were attacked.

"From all these operations, one of our aircraft is missing, in addition to the one mentioned above.

"Two aircraft reported missing in the communiques of June 2 and 3 are now known to have returned safely to their bases."

R.A.F. Bomb Beirut

Petrol Dump Attacked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, June 4 (UP).—It is now revealed that the Royal Air Force has bombed Beirut, one of the principal Syrian ports.

The official statement on this action issued to-day is brief.

It merely states: "A petrol dump at Beirut in Syria was bombed and machine-gunned by our aircraft yesterday."

BELGIAN CONGO AND KENYA

NAIROBI, June 4 (Reuter).—The Governor of Kenya, Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, and his wife, have left for the Congo by air on an official visit to the Governor General, it is officially announced here.

U. S. NAVAL SHUFFLE

Transports Acquired

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has issued an executive order directing that an unspecified number of Coast Guard cutters and enlisted men be transferred to the operation of certain naval vessels.

Meanwhile, the Maritime Commission has acquired the Panama Pacific Line's passenger liner California, 21,936 tons, and the Pacific Argentine Brazil Line's passenger liner Argentina, 7,990 tons, for conversion into troop transports.

Nazi Terrorism Finds Its Way Into Greece

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—Ignoring German threats, the inhabitants of the Greek town of Levadia, 60 miles northwest of Athens, began unloading a goods train carrying supplies which had been seized in that area.

It is authoritatively learned here that the German Police opened fire and killed and wounded many persons, including women and children.

Following this incident, the German Kommandatur ordered the shooting of anybody attempting to approach goods trains or warehouses.

Emergency measures have been taken in Athens and hundreds of citizens are being sent to courts martial there to receive the death

Not Downhearted

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—Utter confidence in final victory is expressed by the Greek Prime Minister, Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos, in a message to the Greek people, "because God and right are with us and Greece cannot die."

The message continues: "The struggle continues. At the side of our great Allies, Greek regiments, warships and aeroplanes are reorganising to fight the enemy wherever he may be in order to liberate Greece. One million Greeks scattered in the four corners of the world are collaborating with all their strength. Our one aim is to win. We shall win."

Photographic Contest Is Open to All This Year

Arrangements have now been completed for the holding of the Eleventh Annual Photographic Competition to be conducted by the "Hongkong Telegraph."

It has been necessary to restrict and revise the classes this year in order to comply with the Regulations relating to the carrying of cameras, and although this will eliminate one of the most fertile fields—land and sea-scapes, there will still be considerable scope for the exercise of originality on the part of competitors.

Section One will cover all phases of outdoor photography with the exception of landscapes and seascapes.

There is ample scope here for originality, such as domestic studies, pastimes, still life and table-top work, interior decoration, pictures of pets etc.

Section Two will cover every aspect of portraiture, and should provide an excellent opportunity for the increasingly popular photo-flood and photo-flash photographs.

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ARP ORDERS

Appointments and Promotions

A.R.P. Orders by Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions:

Honorary Warden

Mr Ng Wah has been appointed Honorary Divisional Warden in recognition of the valuable assistance he has rendered to the A.R.P. Organisation in the Colony of Hongkong.

Strength Decrease

The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:

Central.—2817 Chan Cheuk-ki, 2643 Cheung Kwok-hung, S/W 1493 M. A. Baxamusa, 375 Wong Sai-ming.

Yaumati.—2663 Miss Leung Wai-ming.

Kowloon City.—2583 Chung Kam-hing.

Upper Levels.—2794 Miss Tsui Kam-oi, and 1601 Miss Cheung Wai-ming.

Eastern.—1351 (T) Mrs E. Neves.

The following Wardens have been struck off the strength of the Corps:

Western.—1105 Cheung Wai-fong.

Kowloon City.—3024 Lo Pui-fai, 2101 Wong Tze-sau.

Quarry Bay.—1240 Tsang King-hong.

The undermentioned being a member of the A.F.S. is struck off the strength of the Corps:

Shamshuipo.—2096 Leung Lai-sang.

The following is dismissed on being convicted of larceny by the Civil Powers:

Shamshuipo.—Dep. S/W 1910 Chol Mow-chi.

Change of Address

Upper Levels.—2834 To Ho-kui (C) to 39 Sai Street, 1st floor. 2702 Miss Luk Lee-chu (S.S. Po) to 8 Wa Ning Lane, 2nd floor. 406 Tang Kwok-wa (C) to 39 Sai Street, 1st floor. 420 Lau Wing-ho (C) to 234 Hollywood Rd., 1st floor.

Central.—2046 Miss Ho Chun (U.L) to 41 Gough St., 2nd floor.

Eastern.—3124 Miss Poon Hon-kwei (S. S. Po) to 13 Lugard Road, 2nd floor, 2450 Dep. S/W Hui Yu-kee (C) to 200 Hennessy Rd.

Mongkok.—2415 Chan Sik-cheung and 2410 Miss Chan Yuen-ming (S.S. Po) to 24 Lai Chi Kok Rd., 2nd floor.

Leave of Absence

Gough Hill.—District Warden A. Pollard granted leave till October 31, 1941.

Shamshuipo.—2019 Miss Mak Hing-chun, granted sick leave till June 28, 1941. S/W 1892 Miss Yau Kwah-fung, leave till June 23, 2041 Li Yat-fung, leave till June 23, 1941.

Central—353 Lai Tak-kwong, leave till July 31, 1941. 3557 Ho Kak-hang, sick leave till August 31, 1941, and Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden, Hongkong, A. E. Gerondal, local leave from June 3 to 7, 1941.

Kowloon City.—2144 Miss Lau Siu-ling, leave till June 21, 1941.

Quarry Bay.—Deputy Divisional Warden G. T. Bird, is granted an extension of sick leave until July 1, 1941.

Promotions

The following promotions are notified with effect from June 4, 1941:

Shamshuipo.—S/W 1893 Mok Yun-wah to be Group Warden. To be Senior Wardens—D.S/W 2009 M. Dun and D.S/W 2129 W. Wong. To be Deputy Senior Wardens—1863 Yim Hor-kwan, 1900 Mok Yu-kong, and 2093 Chou Chun-wai.

Western.—3903 Hanson Wong to be Group Warden.

Eastern.—D.G/W 819 Lee Hau-sang to be Group Warden. S/W 855 Miss Lo Yuk-tong to be Deputy Group Warden and 2320 Keung Po-toon to be D.S/W.

Kowloon City.—2090 Chan Ping-chuen and 2070 Ng Tai-chiu to be Senior Wardens. To be Senior Warden—2092 Chui Yau-hang.

Demotion

Senior Warden 1937 J. W. Bad (Shamshuipo) is severely reprimanded and reduced to the rank of Warden for insubordination.

Instructional Courses

Wardens' Classes in Chinese (Syllabus "A"):

C342 Ellis Kadoorie School Hospital Rd., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. commencing June 4, 1941. Lecturer—Mr Chan Woon-cheung, L.A.R.P.S.

C343 Confucian Society Free School, Tai Hang, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. commencing June 7, 1941. Lecturer—Mr Han C. Liang, L.A.R.P.S.

Strength Increase

The following qualified as Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:

Yaumati.—2251 Kong Kwong-hoi.

Shamshuipo.—4011 Johnson Chan, 4012 Chung Sui, 4013 Lung Yue-chee, 4014 Poon Moon-him.

Tsimshatsui.—4015 Yeung Shiu-ming.

Mongkok.—2001 Chan Ding, 3708 Miss Lau Wai-lim, 4016 Loo Wing-chiu, 4017 Wong Hon-wah, 2291 Lee Man.

Kowloon City.—2106 Chan Kwok-cheung, 4018 Miss Cheng Man-sheung, 4019 Ching Pak-li, 3833 Ho Ding-yee, 4021 Miss Kwan Man-cheuk, 4023 Miss Kwan Wai-chong, 4024 Miss Lau Chuk-sau, 4026 Mak Cheuk-hum, 4027 Miss Mak May-po, 4028 Mak Pui-kwong, 4030 Wong Chuk-sam, 4031 Wong Kam-lim.

The following qualified as A.R.P. Telephonists and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:

Yaumati.—1386 (T) Miss E. F. Hicks and 2306 (T) Miss I. E. Hicks.

Kowloon City.—4020 (T) Miss Kwan Iu-cheung, and 4031 (T) Miss Kwan Iu-fun.

Meeting

There will be no attestation in Kowloon next week. (sgd.) E. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions.

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The SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on **Thursday, 10th July, 1941,** at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company wil be closed from the 3rd July to the 24th July inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 14th May, 1941.

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The Sixtieth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both day inclusive.

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The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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American Pilots For Burma Road

Reuter learns from a reliable source that a scheme whereby American aviators and mechanics will be allowed to proceed to China and assist her in the defence of her independence is now well under way.

American airmen are said to have been proceeding to China in small numbers for at least three months and when the planes which are now en route and other shipments reach China there will be a nucleus of a formidable air force to meet the Japanese bombers attacking Chungking and the Burma Road.

It is expected that China's revived air force will shortly be able to adequately protect supplies going along the Burma Road and will make further raids on Chungking and cities in China too expensive to be continued.

Many of the planes en route to China are stated to be the fast Curtis P-40 Type.—Reuter.

China At War

Chungking Magazine For Sale In Colony

Containing the usual number of interesting articles on China's reconstruction, her war of resistance and relations with foreign Powers, the June issue of "China At War," which is published monthly by the China Information Publishing Company, Chungking, has been distributed to its Hongkong readers. The magazine can be obtained in all leading book stores here at 40 cents per copy, or $4 per year.

The June issue contains an article on life in Chungking by Margaret Bourke-White, wife of Mr Erskine Caldwell, American author and playwright, and other contributions dealing with the economic aspects of the war and Red Cross relief work.

Ex-Kaiser William Dead

William II, last German Kaiser and supreme German war lord in the first world war, died peacefully yesterday morning at his home at Doorn (Holland) where he had been in exile since 1918. He was 82 years of age.

The ex-Kaiser last year developed an internal ailment which sapped his strength and had kept him indoors for several months. Last week his condition gave cause for anxiety and members of his big family were summoned from Germany but after a dangerous week-end most of them returned as he showed signs of improvement. Yesterday however an embolism developed in his lung and in a few hours he was dead.

Plans are being made to take the body to Holland.—D.N.B.

G. [redacted] R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 9th day of June, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Puchase price.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Artie Shaw and His Orchestra.

1 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Songs by Bing Crosby.

1.10 Hawaiian Music.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 The London Theatre Orchestra with Peggy Wood (Vocal).

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

7 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Variety.

8 Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 Banjo Music.

Banjo Favourites—Intro: Stein Song; Valencia; Toy Drum Major.... Raymonde and His Band o' Banjos; Keyboard Kapers (Steele)....Mario de Pietro; Whistling Rufus (Mills); Temptation Rag (Lodge)....Raymonde and His Band o' Banjos.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Hungarian Csardas of George Nagy (Karoly); You are the Fellow, friend Tykody; My little velvet Hat; Oh! How long it seems....Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra; Can I Forget You (film "High, Wide and Handsome"); Sympathy (film "Firefly")....Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; The Last Drops—Waltz (Kratzl); The Blue Danube—Waltz (Joh. Strauss) ....Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra; Indian Love Lyrics —Kashmiri Song (Hope—Woodforde-Finden); Till I Wake (Hope—Woodforde-Finden).....Richard Tauber (Tenor) with piano; Bihari Waltzes (Bihari)....Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

9 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Verdi's "La Traviata" Act III.

9.45-10 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 De Falla—"Three Cornered Hat" Suite.

The Neighbours—The Miller's Dance—Final Dance....New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr Malcolm Sargent.

10 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

10.15 Bach's Unaccompanied Sonata No. 3 in C Major and Two Piano Concerto in C Major.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin); Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and Karl Ulrich Schnabel (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

11 Close Down.

MR MATSUOKA —Please!

Tokyo, June 4.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, yesterday received a letter from the Anti-Smoking League asking him to give up his cigarettes smoking as his example was liable to lead the Japanese people into smoking. Mr. Matsuoka, it is said, is a heavy smoker, getting through [illegible]—Domei.

Donations To Many Causes

A total of $2,130,553.23 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the H. K. M. Post Ltd, with the following donations:

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The Building Fund Committee of the School for the Deaf gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

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Donations may be sent either to the Principal of the School, 57, Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City, or to Mr M. K. Lo.

REFUGEE SCHOOLS

The Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation of $3,228.53 to the Refugee Camp-Schools from the National Relief Commission of China.

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Headquarters gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following donations, which have been credited to the Annual Appeal for 1941:

Previously acknowledged, $8,354; Mr M. K. Lo $30; Messrs Davie, Boag & Co., Ltd, $50; Banque de l'Indo Chine, $25; Mr L. C. Baker, $10; Messrs Dodwell & Co., Ltd, $50; Messrs Thomson & Co., $30. Total $8,539.

The *S. C. M. Post* has received the following donations to the Salvation Army Food Kitchen:

In memory of the late Mrs Dorothy H. Crofton; Clifford and Pamela, $50.

In memory of the late Mr R. Brown; Mr and Mrs H. W. Fraser, $5.

DONATIONS WAITING

Donations for the following Organisations await collection at the office of the *S. C. M. Post*: Emergency Refugee Council; London Lord Mayor's Fund; Associacao Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos; B.F.R.D.C.; B.W.O.F. British Prisoners of War Fund.

CHINESE REFUGEES

Latest Position in The Government Camps

According to figures supplied by the Medical authorities the number of Chinese refugees and destitutes accommodated in the Government camps here for the week ended May 31 has shown an increase of 136, as compared with figures for the previous week. Figures for May 31 are given below, with those for May 24 in brackets:

King's Park 1,387 (1,207); Matauchung 1,968 (1,935); North Point 1,537 (1,570); Morrison Hill 509 (510); Tai Hang squatters camp 2,540 (2,547); Ngau Tau Kok squatters camp 811 (806); Kam Tin 2,785 (2,784); Fanling Children's Camp 372 (372).

The grand total for May 31 was 11,015, as compared with 11,779 on May 24, showing an increase of 136.

Drifting Mine Seen

A notice posted up in the Harbour Office yesterday warns mariners that a floating mine was reported to be drifting in Lat. 22 degs. 11 mins. 30 secs. N., Long. 113 degs. 11 mins. E. (approximately), 280 degs. distant one and three-quarter miles from Bluff Point (Taitam Peninsula).

The mine was sighted at 6.30 a.m. yesterday by the master of a vessel which arrived in the Colony.

Harry Owen Bryant, the well-known aviator, has left for Australia on his way to Singapore. He is expected to be away for six months.

Also going to Australia is W. A. Bailey, C.M.G., Director

NAZIS PUT AGED FOLK TO DEATH

Out of the fastness of Germany has come the story of an act as terrible in its cruelty as any known of Hitler's regimes, writes Michael Straight in the *New Republic*.

The sole outward evidence lies buried in a back page of the *Acta Apostolicae Sedis*, the official monthly publication of the Vatican, in which Pope Pius XII decrees the policies which his bishops are to follow. It is a decree signed by the Notary of the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office; it is enentitled "Concerning the Direct Killing of the Innocent Done By Order of Public Authority."

The decree is in the form of a question sent to the Pope by an unnamed bishop. It reads: "It was asked of this Supreme Sacred Congregation: 'Whether, by order of public authority, it is licit directly to kill those who, although they have committed no crime deserving death, yet, because of mental or physical defects, are no longer able to benefit the nation, and are considered rather to burden the nation and to obstruct its energy and strength.'"

The bishop was a German bishop. He asked whether it was right for thousands of infirm and aged Germans to be put to death by Adolf Hitler because they were no longer of service in Hitler's war economy.

Contrary to Divine Law

The decree continues: "In a general session of the Supreme Sacred Congregation held on Wednesday, November 27, 1940, the Eminent and Most Reverend Cardinals appointed to safeguard faith and morals, having heard the 'votum' of the Reverend Doctors Consultors, ordered that it must be replied:

"'In the negative,' since it is contrary to natural and divine positive law." This decree Pope Pius approved and ordered to be published.

In this article there are presented for the first time the facts which lie behind this decree. They have been brought by a dignitary of the Church whose name must necessarily be withheld.

The facts are these: In September, October and November of 1940, 85,000 blind, incurably ill or aged Germans were put, to death by the Gestapo. They were put to death as casually as the S.P.C.A. chloroforms old and helpless dogs.

They were not killed for mercy. They were killed because they could no longer manufacture guns in return for the food which they consumed; because the German hospitals were needed for wounded soldiers; because their death was the ultimate logic of the National Socialist doctrine of racial superiority and the survival of the physically fit.

This direct killing of the innocent done by order of public authority was not discovered at once.

There is a big hospital near Urach in Wurttemburg. In September the priests of Urach noticed that the elderly people in the hospital were dying in increasing numbers, and dying on certain days. These priests discovered that systematic euthanasia was being practised in this hospital. The old and incurably ill were being killed off by the injection of small quantities of poison into their veins. The poison was one which causes death and cannot be detected.

Later, according to the accounts of these priests, the Gestapo found that poisoning was unnecessarily expensive. Gas chambers were used, the priests reported, until the Nazis found an even simpler method which involved no cost at all. Air bubbles were injected into the veins of those chosen to die, and death was instantaneous when the bubbles reached the heart.

Relatives of the victims were never told, of course. They merely received a small box containing the victim's ashes. Nor could the truth escape easily from Germany. The Public Health Service at Washington learned only that tubercular patients in Germany were given death sentences when the war broke out, in the form of compulsory labour in munitions factories, which their weakened bodies could not stand.

Protests from Pulpit

From the pulpits in Germany Catholic priests began to unveil this appalling story. They delivered sermons protesting against euthanasia and sterilisation, and they were strengthened in their stand on December 16, by the decree of the Vatican which has been quoted and which warned that euthanasia was contrary to the laws of the Church.

The reply of the Nazis was drastic and immediate. More than three hundred Catholic priests were imprisoned in concentration camps, and the publication of the decree in the Churches of Germany was forbidden.

To-day the practice of euthanasia is still continuing in Germany and the persecution of the Catholics has been intensified. Refugees report that religious education has been abolished and Sunday schools closed. Catholic members of the Hitler *Jugend*, the *Bund Deutscher Madchen* and the *Arbeitsdienst* are discouraged from attending church. Abbeys, monasteries and convents are used to quarter Germans brought to the Reich from Rumania, Russia and the Baltic countries.

The Episcopal sees of Aachen, Paderborn and Cologne are vacant because the Nazis prevented the nomination of new bishops, while at Rottenburg, Bishop Sproll was exiled and his palace fired and destroyed because he refused to vote for Hitler in a "free election."

In Poland, where the monasteries have been seized and sometimes destroyed, the Catholics suffered most of all, although the campaign to exterminate the Church has been carried on in Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Belgium and France as well. Unlike the Jews, however, Catholics are seldom permitted to leave Germany. The Church dignitary who gave me this information charges that the majority of the 800,000 prisoners in German concentration camps are Catholics.

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The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th May.....June 5.
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OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Thursday, June 5

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

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Friday, June 6

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K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. .....June 6, 4 p.m.
Ord. .....June 6, 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

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Ord. .....June 17, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .....June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. .....June 17, 7 p.m.

Exhibition

Charities To Be Aided By Chinese Woman Artist

An exhibition by Miss Li Pui-ming, of Gin Ling College, of Chinese paintings and calligraphy, will be held at the Hotel Cecil from today, until and including June 10, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The proceeds of sale of the paintings and Chinese writing will be donated for war relief and the free education of poor children in the Sze Yap District.

The paintings comprise animal studies such as tigers, a leopard, wolf, and birds and flowers.

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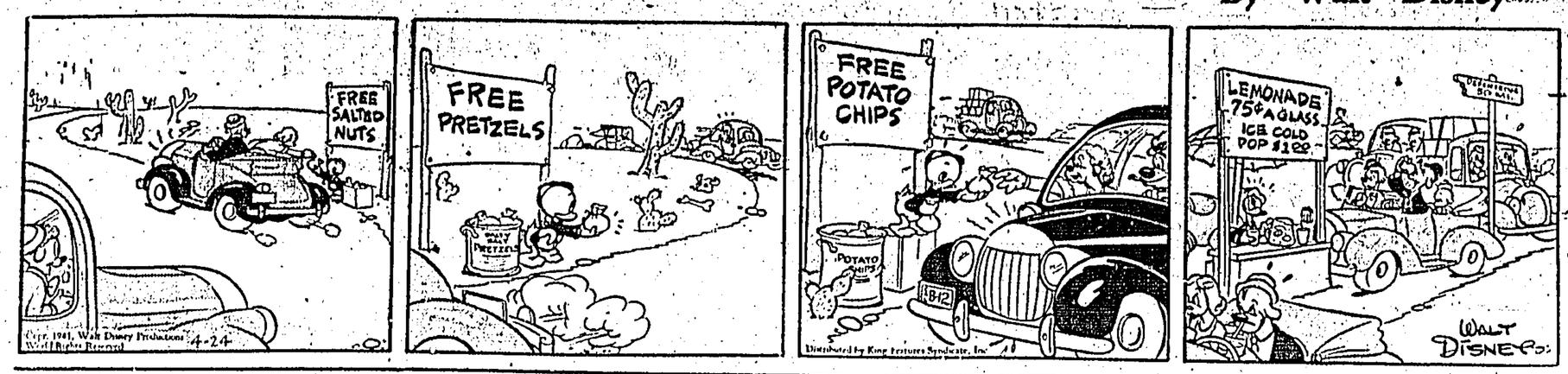

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By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Two Chances Instead of One

THERE is one combination of cards that consistently escapes the attention of almost all players. That is the A-Q-9 of a suit. Usually, this holding produces two tricks only when a successful finesse can be made to the queen. But there is another possibility—illustrated in the hand shown below—and I heartily commend it to my readers' attention.

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

	♠ K Q 7 6 4 3 ♡ 8 5 ◇ 10 7 ♣ 8 6 4	
♠ J ♡ K 6 3 ◇ K J 6 2 ♣ A K 7 5 3	N W E S	♠ — ♡ J 10 7 4 2 ◇ Q 9 6 4 3 ♣ Q J 2
	♠ A 10 9 8 5 2 ♡ A Q 9 ◇ A 8 ♣ 10 9	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Dble.	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North's bid was a stretch, but not illogical considering his fear of any bid from the opponents.

West opened the club king, and East followed suit with the queen. The ace of clubs was cashed, and a third round played, which South ruffed. A low spade lead to the queen cleared up the trump situation, and a heart was then played to the queen. West won and, mentally tossing a coin between a heart and diamond return, chose the former. Declarer could not avoid the loss of a diamond for the setting trick.

Declarer had overlooked a splendid opportunity. After taking out the opponents' only trump he should have seen there was no hurry about the heart finesse. The logical play was to lead a heart from dummy and to play the nine from the closed hand. As it happened, West would have had to use his heart king on the nine and the contract would have become a laydown. But even if West had been able to win with a minor honour, he still would have had to guess whether to return a heart or a diamond. The former, of course, would relieve declarer of any worry. True, if the nine lost to the ten and a diamond were returned, then if declarer entered dummy and finessed to the heart queen and lost, he would go down an extra trick, but surely that extra fifty points could have no bearing on the best way to play the hand. Finesses, necessary or not, should be deferred as long as possible.

To-morrow's Hand

Match-point duplicate.
South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ A K ♡ A 8 4 3 ◇ K 8 6 5 3 ♣ J 6	
♠ Q 10 8 5 3 ♡ 6 5 2 ◇ 10 2 ♣ 9 8 7	N W E S	♠ J 7 6 4 ♡ Q J ◇ 9 7 4 ♣ A 5 4 2
	♠ 9 2 ♡ K 10 9 7 ◇ A Q J ♣ K Q 10 3	

How should South play his six heart contract. Opening lead a club.

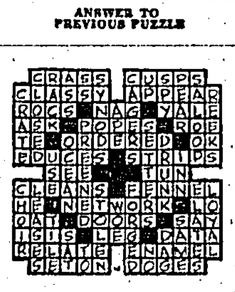
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

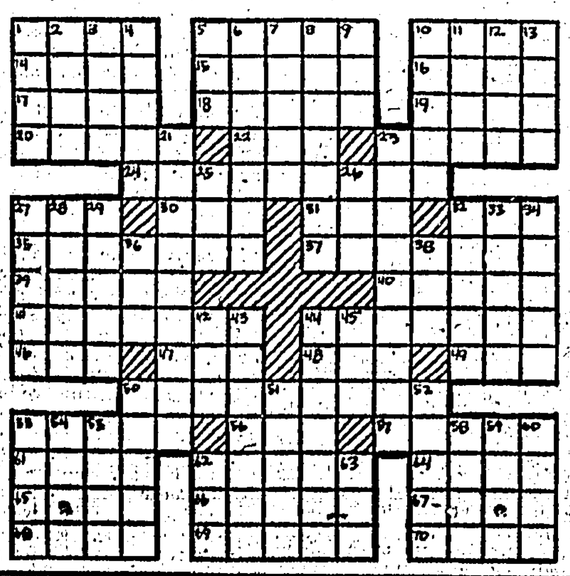
1—Inviter of guests
5—Stalks
10—Philippine native
14—Combining form: high
15—Of open space
16—Among
17—Legal claim of property
18—Remain in same place
19—Natural drift
20—Theme for discussion
22—Kind of glove
23—Refers to specifically
24—Kind of lizard
27—Mineral spring
30—Alcoholic drink
31—Addition to house
32—Termite
35—Sidewise
37—Winged sandals of Mercury (Latin)
38—Ring-shaped coral island
40—Receives as recompense
41—Overhanging
44—Remembers with longing
45—Point of compass
47—Penal digit
48—First name of "Arabian Nights" character
49—Definite article
50—Red chalcedony
51—Black bird
56—Salt
57—Discordant; audible vibration

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Stop
2—Medley
3—Pace
4—Philippine thorn
5—Rested
6—Entangle
7—Affected by fear
8—Bird of swallow variety
9—Cunning
10—Morning (French)
11—Leave out of consideration
12—Be transported
13—Short poems
21—Quack
23—College student
25—Armpit
26—Utmost hyperbole
27—Strikes with flat of hands
28—Tope of beads
29—Propitiate
32—Arrest (French)
33—Pitcher's usual position in batting order
34—Small cup (French)
36—Antiquity
38—River in Switzerland
42—And not
43—Pertaining to pulling
44—Summons up
46—Yale
50—Perfume with incense
51—Ten dollar coin
53—Short letters
53—Musical instrument
54—So be it
55—Breather hole
58—Particle
59—Location
60—Saxon serf
62—Piece of cloth
63—Color



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War-Shocked Children Get a New Start

In a recuperation centre at Hampstead, four miles from London, 40 of the most pathetic child victims of bomb warfare are being given a second chance at normal childhood. The centre is run by Anna Freud, daughter of the late Sigmund Freud, originator of psycho-analysis. It is a home and a clinic.

To the children who live there, the war was only one more trouble in an already troubled world. They are children from London's poorest families, and life was difficult even before the bombs came. Most of the children were brought to the centre by social workers who found them in hospitals or shelters. Many are physically ill, all of them emotionally upset.

The centre is housed in a three-storey, ivy-covered building that was formerly a private house. The furnishings are bright and cheerful and the rooms are arranged so that mothers sometimes can stay with their children. Although Hampstead is a quiet suburban community, it is not overlooked during air raids; so the cellar of the house has been made into a bomb shelter with a nurse in permanent attendance.

Make Up War Games

Everything is planned to make the children feel at home. Dancing, singing and drawing are the most important activities because these things are part of every child's normal play and most of the children are too nervous to concentrate on anything more demanding. Too often the drawings and games which the children devise for themselves have to do with war and bombing. Ann Freud gives them new games to play.

Many of the mothers, their lives disordered by war and poverty, need help as much as the children. The centre tries to give them jobs so that they can be near their children.

Anna Freud's staff is well equipped to help her. Most of them were with her in her clinic in Vienna and, like her, are refugees. They are working to prevent more cases like the little Spanish boy who is so badly shocked that he is unable to dress himself or to speak. He has to be led about and he stares blankly at a world he doesn't understand.

Anna Freud's work is a small drop in a big bucket but it's a very important drop. Her studies will form a basis for scientific attempts to make useful citizens out of uprooted, war-shocked children.

Supported By Americans

The centre costs $500 a month and is supported by the American division of the Foster Parent Plan.

The Foster Parent Plan was organised by the author, J. B. Priestley, during the Spanish War. The object of the Plan was to take care of children made homeless by the war, and its first colonies were in Spain. When Republican Spain was defeated, the Plan moved children and colonies to France. When France fell, it moved again, this time to England. The Plan operates eight children's colonies in England. It takes care of 4,000 children and will take others as fast as it can.

The money comes from "foster parents"—people who agree to pay $10 a month for the support of an "adopted" child. Ten dollars doesn't sound like much, but with careful planning and bulk buying it does a surprising lot. This kind of fund raising has two advantages. People give more easily to support a specific child and it is good for the child to feel that some one is interested in him personally.

Originally the Plan's supporters were people of all nationalities. Now, though, almost all the money comes from the U. S. A. The American division of the Plan has sent $91,718 to England since the war began.

Too Scared To Smile

The Plan hopes to open two new colonies in England soon. One of them will be run by Anna Freud, putting 60 more children in her care—if 60 more foster parents can be found.

One of the most pathetic children is four-year-old Rosemary Redgrave. She and her mother lost their small flat in one of London's worst bombings. Rosemary had been in a hospital suffering from hysteria before her mother and a social worker brought her to Anna Freud. Her mother, too upset to talk, begged the social worker to answer Miss Freud's questions for her. She didn't want to leave the child, but she realised that Rosemary needed a doctor's help.

Rosemary walks in a curious way, due to her nervous condition. She has a sad little face with big eye-glasses, behind which she squints badly and probably unnecessarily. She is very much underweight. She wants to be friendly, tries to smile, but more often bursts into tears. Rosemary wants to cooperate, but at the moment her difficulties are too great for her. She will need a lot of special care and loving treatment.

—Ann Henry

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"I'm taking the valuable things in the taxi—You can ride with the movers!"

Poles Sold Like Slaves In Austria

POLISH labourers are being put up to auction and bought and sold in the public market like slaves, according to reliable information reaching London.

Scenes reminiscent of the Middle Ages are taking place daily in Graz, Klagenfurt, Wolfberg, and other parts of Austria to which the labourers are forcibly transported in droves of 50 to 500.

The victims are exposed publicly to the view of representatives of the German labour office and local farmers, who compete with each other for the best bargain.

Successful bidders have to make a symbolic payment of fifteen marks to the "Winter Help" or "Soldiers Comforts Fund."

Poles working in Austria wear a large letter P on their clothes. They may not go to church, cinema, theatre, restaurant or public meeting.

Jews in Cracow were told they must leave "voluntarily." By August last 25,000 had gone. Then 32,000 more were compulsorily evacuated.

The 14,000 left have been moved to a ghetto in the suburbs—the identical place in which their ancestors, fleeing from Germany, found refuge 325 years ago.

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"Where are you going with that axe?"

"*I'm going to do a little deforestation, Bertie. There's a tree outside I've taken a dislike to. I shall fell it with one fell swoop.*"

"Rather early in the morning for tree felling, isn't it?"

"*The early woodcutter gets the first tree, you know. Besides — it's an ugly tree. There is something offensive about that tree. Come to think of it, it rather reminds me of you, Bertie.*"

"Well — I must confess I didn't expect to see you chopping trees this morning *and* smoking a whacking big black cheroot. Not after last night . . ."

"*I don't like the way you say 'not after last night.' I detect a certain envy in the tone — a certain undercurrent of bitterness. You ought to be overjoyed to see me absolutely bristling with joi-de-vivre.*"

"I merely marvel at your powers of recovery."

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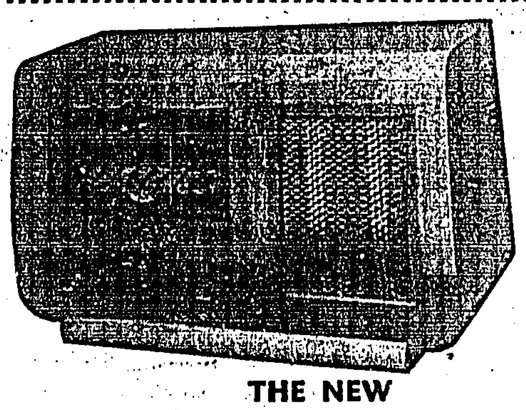

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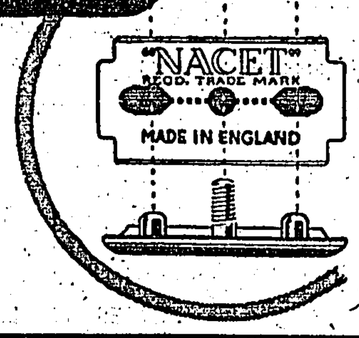

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GLANCE AT SYRIA

THERE seems to be no doubt that the next phase of military operations will decide the fate of Syria, the French-controlled Arab state which breaks the Allied front in the eastern Mediterranean.

Turkey, whose own destiny is intimately wrapped up with this anticipated action is making appeals for Britain to move which sound almost desperate. Well the Turks know that if the Nazis establish themselves in Syria as they have already done on the former Turkish-Greece border Turkey is likely to become another Sweden—a country with nominal independence only until such time as Hitler has time or the inclination to assert full sovereignty over it.

Considering that as recently as 634 A.D. Syria was part of the Roman Empire it is surprising that Italy has not already made claims to incorporate the territory. For four centuries until the end of the Great War the country was part of the Ottoman Empire. It was then handed over to French mandate and, following Great Britain's example when independence was granted Iraq; the French concluded a treaty with the Syrian and Lebanese republics in 1936 under which full independence would be granted to the Arab states in three years.

Syria, however, is not a homogeneous ethnic state, the population including Arabs, Turks, Armenians and Christian Lebanese. The French divided the country into five regions roughly according to racial borders. These were Arab-Syria, Christian Lebanon, the semi-nomadic Jebel Druse, the coastal territory of Latakia and the Sanjak of Alexandretta. The last named had also a special status with its important position on the border of Turkey and its mixed population. Full independence in 1940 would have left the former Ottoman Empire colony divided into four separate republics, but the treaty was never fulfilled because France feared to lose her hold in the Middle East.

An early problem was that of the Sanjak of Alexandretta now called Hatay, which, thanks to Turkish persistence, was ceded to her just before the outbreak of war by the French who had experienced considerable opposition to their mandate there—as indeed they have throughout all Syria.

The Arab world has no love for the French and, it must be admitted, little for the Turks. Britain's record is much brighter, especially of recent years and brutality, intolerance and pride have never marred our relations with the Arabs. Syria has been ruled by decree since July, 1939, when the Arab President of Syria resigned because of the impossibility of forming a stable government while the Franco-Syrian treaty was unfulfilled.

The Germans may well offer Syria complete independence over Vichy's head on condition of their co-operation against Britain but it is doubtful if the Arab leaders would fall for this gulle. A bold move by Britain now may well anticipate the enemy's plans, before they can fructify, and thus keep clean what will otherwise be a very bloody page in Syria's history.

Coastal Command has flown— 25 million war miles

MY visit to the great hive of activity which comprises the administrative and operational side of the Coastal Command was an illuminating experience.

I saw harmonious and efficient co-operation between the Command and the Admiralty.

A place in this headquarters is also allotted to the Army, for liaison duties, which will become really active if we have to repel or undertake an invasion.

At the head of the Command is Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill, a hardy ex-naval officer and sailing-master, and an artist in the handling of men and affairs.

He has reaped to the full the reward of all the hard work he put into the preparation of his Command for war. We all remember with gratitude how instantly and perfectly the Coastal Command went into action in September, 1939.

It had to meet the first of the phases into which this war divided itself—and, to those who have studied these changes, it has been satisfying to observe how quickly and thoroughly each new phase has been dealt with.

To enter the great new central room and to see on its walls the vast mass of information which springs to the eye, is to understand how closely and with what supreme efficiency our whole great sea plan is controlled.

Vast Sweep

The area of this plan, which extends from the northernmost extremities of Norway to the Straits of Gibraltar, vividly brings home the vast sweep of air power.

Movements of ships and aircraft—British, Allied, neutral and enemy—are plotted.

Constant consultations take place on the steps which may be necessary to deal with any situation.

The planning is done in each case by expert members of the services.

It almost made one sorry for our enemy to see the toils of intelligence — thinking machine—enmeshing him in its destructive grip.

On the staff of the Coastal Command are experienced submarine commanders and active sea officers from surface ships, all taking their part and collaborating in the planning and thinking brain of the Coastal Command.

They are continuously thinking up and devising fresh schemes to defeat each fresh move of our active and often courageous enemy.

To realise how hard this thinking organisation must have been worked, it is only necessary to recall how, phase by phase, the war from the sea point of view has steadily become more difficult for us to deal with.

This difficulty has been caused by the gradual increase of coastal areas in Europe held by the enemy.

In the first phase, when the enemy was confined to the pre-war German frontiers, their only sea exits were from the Heligoland Bight and the entrances to the Baltic.

During this period we were able to control the exits and entrances, not only of their submarines, but also of their surface ships.

Raiders Foiled

I believe it to be a fact that the Germans made a number of attempts to get out surface raiders but were foiled by the vigilance of the Coastal Command, working in every instance in conjunction with the Navy.

The second phase of the war came when the Germans took over Denmark and invaded Norway.

This phase, although giving them much wider sea entrances to the Atlantic, still remained very much under our control until they had started really to establish themselves in Norway.

The third phase, when the enemy overran Holland, Belgium and France, added to our difficulties enormously.

From now on, it was quite impossible to cover closely all the enemy's sea exits to the Atlantic.

Fourth Phase

The fourth phase, which is now in being, is of course the most difficult of all, because the enemy has established and organised his bases of operation throughout the whole western coast of Europe with the exception of Spain and Portugal.

Looking back on the history of the war, it is most remarkable how, without dismay, the Admiralty and the Coastal Command have accepted in their stride the increasing difficulty of the situation with which they have been faced.

This command has three main functions: to assist the Admiralty in the blockade of the enemy; to defeat the enemy by countering their attempt to blockade us; and to safeguard this country from surprise invasion.

To enable them to achieve these needs, the command is divided into groups corresponding and working closely with the naval commands.

It has also a training group, because its specialised and diversified duties require a training which is additional to that normally given by the Royal Air Force.

These groups control stations which are located all round the coasts of England and Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Western Isles, Shetlands, Iceland and Gibraltar.

The duties of this ring of stations entail convoy protection, sea reconnaissance, enemy harbour reconnaissance, anti-submarine patrols by day and night, aircraft patrols for enemy aircraft, attacks on enemy shipping and naval land targets, photography, both over the sea and over the land near the sea, protection of the fishing fleets and lightships from air attack, mine-laying, and torpedo dropping.

They employ all types of boat aircraft—the Sunderland, the Lerwick and the Stranraer; long-range bombers, such as the American Hudson; and various other types of bombers and fighters, for special jobs.

They are now being reinforced by the American P.B.Y. flying-boats and Flying Fortresses.

Web-Footed

One of the most important functions of the Command Headquarters is to appraise the standard of navigational training and seamanship which its personnel reach before it allows them to take a part in actual operations.

They have to be experts in the special subjects of coding, ship recognition and visual signalling, besides the widest possible knowledge of seamanship in all its forms.

They have also to be picked for their endurance because of the length of their patrols, which may extend up to 12 to 15 hours.

As they put it in the Command: "They must become web-footed."

An interesting sidelight on the strenuous job of the flying personnel of this command is that they regard the ferrying of new bombers across the Atlantic as a pleasant rest.

The command must have the greatest confidence in the navigating skill of its personnel as normally—the boats or aeroplanes when out on patrol have to maintain a wireless silence to prevent the enemy from knowing they are in their vicinity.

This means that their dead reckoning and astronomical navigational standards must be very high.

Greatest Problem

The greatest problem the command has to deal with is the convoy problem. To be able to cope with it they have to know exactly where each ship is and where each of our submarines is.

The same applies to the enemy submarines, if possible. It is one long fight between the air—backed by the Navy—and the enemy U-boat.

The main purpose of the Coastal Command is more to inform the Navy of the position of the enemy U-boat than actually to attempt itself to destroy the enemy—although in many cases it has successfully gone into action.

Normally, the Air Force provides the information, and the Navy the bite.

In actual fact, the coastal aircraft had carried out by the end of 1940 over 198 attacks on U-boats, having sighted and reported them 274 times.

During the same period they had carried out 104 attacks on enemy warships, and 277 attacks on enemy merchant vessels.

To do this they had to fly 161,000 hours, which represents a distance of about 25,000,000 miles, or nearly a third of the distance to the sun.

During this time they have convoyed over 2,000 convoys, containing more than 40,000 ships and totalling about 200,000,000 tons.

As a variation from the U-boat menace, the Germans are now more and more intensively developing the use of their Focke-Wulf Condor long-range bombers for attacking our shipping.

At present these bombers are not such a serious threat as the U-boat because they are not used in very large numbers, but they could easily become so if uncountered.

Our Life-Line

The defeat of these craft is a problem which is very actively engaging the thinking brain of the Coastal Command, and no doubt they will be more and more efficiently countered as time goes on.

There is always a counter to every form of offence.

In our Bomber Command we cannot operate under conditions of widespread fog, but in the Coastal Command the need for convoying and for reconnaissance never ceases, and the result has been that the Coastal Command has had to operate in all weathers.

I believe it to be true that only for seven hours on one day since the war started has no Coastal aircraft been air-borne.

This gives some measure of the service our active flying personnel are giving their country, and also of the strain on not only the C.-in-C. but all his Staff.

Yet to meet any of these men is to realise that they are thriving on, and enjoying, their testing and very fruitful lives.

If our life-line, the Atlantic sea route, were to be cut, we should be defeated. Therefore, it is no exaggeration to say that on their efficiency and endurance rests the continuity of the British Empire.

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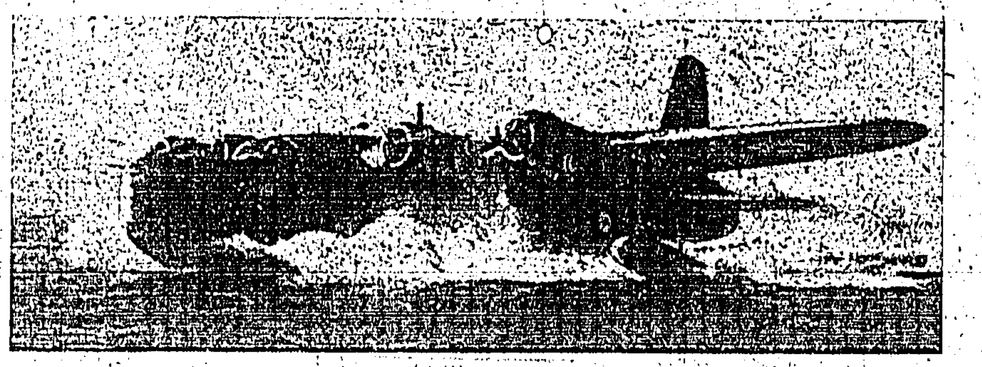

The work of the Coastal Command aircraft never ceases.

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Private Life of a Private

The Meaning Of "Jankers"

Another instalment of one of the most popular and widely-copied features in wartime journalism. The author, a writer now in the Army, gives readers intimate glimpses of life in the ranks to-day.

TWO mornings ago, when Reveille sounded, an extraordinary thing happened.

The youth whom we call Dozy leapt out of bed with a muffled shriek, and dragged on his fatigue overalls; crammed his boots chockful of feet; slapped a cap on his head, and was out of the hut like streak.

Now Dozy is a man whom nothing seems to arouse. He can sleep like a two-toed sloth. His brain scarcely functions before eleven o'clock, when soup is served.

Dozy is what Sergeants call an Idle Man.

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WE looked at one another. A bugle sounded. Defaulters:—

You can be a Defaulter as long as you like.
As long as you answer your name.

Then the Lad from the Elephant and Castle said: "Ain't you 'ard? 'E's got Jankers!"

Jankers is an army word which means Confinement to Barracks.

The Tall Boy from Sunderland said to a Sergeant: "Exnyuctly what hayppens whon you get C.B.?"

"Nothing much," said the Sergeant. "It means to say you're damn not mis-confined to barracks. Dozy's got five days now.

"And for ten days after that he loses his privileges—can't be out after ten o'clock.

"Then begain old Dozy'll do drills in marching order, every afternoon.

"He'll be inspected by the officer, and if he isn't properly cleaned up and dug out, he'll be for it.

"You see, it just won't pay him to be idle. He'll have to liven his ideas up or he'll be in trouble all the time."

"But," said the Lad, "Just say 'e don't care. Say 'e simply keeps on taking it, and coming on parade just any old 'ow, and missing parades. What 'ap pens?"

"What happens?" said the Sergeant. "Why if he keeps on being idle, and insubordinate, and dirty—why, then, he'll probably go to the Glass House for twenty-eight days."

* * *

"IS that where people live who mustn't throw stones?" asked the Good Boy from Godalming.

"It's the Military Prison," said the Sergeant. "You go there for detention.

"You get hard work, dirty fatigues, real honest-to-God chasings on the Square several hours a day, no smoking, no time to yourself, and you do everything at the double.

"I've seen soldiers go in the Glass House like lions and come out like lambs.

"Punishments in the ordinary run of things, are designed simply to liven you up—like C.B.—to bend you, fairly gently, to the required shape. But if you don't bend—why, you break.

"Now, then, Ginger, get them blankets straight or you'll drop a big one on Room Inspection!"

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GINGER rearranges his blankets, and Dozy returns.

It seems to some of us that his laden eyes are a little brighter—more alert—the eyes of a man who is listening, expecting something to happen.

Free French & British Attitude To Syria

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—Foreign reports of the presence of General de Gaulle in Jerusalem at the head of a Free French force are not officially confirmed in either Free French or British quarters in London, but they serve to emphasise the identity of interests between Free France and Britain in the Syrian question as in other matters.

Since General de Gaulle returned to Cairo about 11 days ago to be in close touch with developments in Syria and elsewhere, there has been no further news of his movements until to-day.

Meanwhile, the reported decision of the Vichy Government to defend the French Empire "single-handed" is significant in several ways.

The announcement seems to be designed to meet the charges which are being increasingly heard inside France that the French are not masters in their own house and the fact that such an announcement is thought necessary at present may doubtless be taken as a measure of the dissatisfaction felt in France and in the French Empire at Vichy's policy.

Subtle Designs

The phrase "single-handed" is doubtless German-inspired. It would pay the Germans well to lure the Vichy forces into single-handed hostilities while the German Army made its preparations leisurely and then make a dramatic entry at a propitious moment. But whatever phrases Vichy employs, the fact remains that her troops can fight only with German-made arms made in French factories now under German control.

Further reports from France of increasing attacks by night on German forces in Occupied France seem to suggest increasing dissatisfaction among loyal Frenchmen at German control there.

Morocco & Syria

The knowledge that German military activity is in full flood both in Morocco and Syria will certainly do little to allay this resentment.

Evening papers in London emphasise that the testing time in the Mediterranean is drawing near. The "Star" declares. "The stage is set for a mighty struggle on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean. The Axis strategy is to strike down through Syria and Palestine on one side and from Libya on the other.

"Reverses in Greece and Crete should not make us forget that we owe the chief successes of our arms in this war to General Wavell's skill.

Testing Time Near

"The testing time is drawing nearer. The valour and quality of our fighting men have been proved in many fierce encounters against heavy odds. The least they deserve is every support in machines and equipment that our workshops can give them, coupled with the resolve on the part of our High Command to abandon all old-fashioned notions of strategy, tactics and technique.

"The Germans are likely to stake everything on a decision this summer before American help becomes an avalanche. Hitler is thinking in terms of total war, of a lightning war and of 100 per cent. effort. Our watchword must be "All Out"."

U.S.A. Will Approve

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—There is no doubt that whatever steps Britain is forced to take in Syria she will have the whole-hearted approval of the United States as press and public continue their denunciation of the Darlan policy.

In a trenchant editorial, the "Washington Post" says that if Darlan's remarks mean anything, France is prepared not only to kiss the rod which beat her but to wield it against the nation to which her people must look for their salvation.

It goes on to say that Hitlerism is America's declared enemy and that France cannot be a friend of Germany and also of the United States.

Germans Rankled

BERLIN, June 4 (UP).—Authorised German quarters to-day termed as "nonsense" the Domei report from Rome that the Germans and Soviets have concluded a military alliance, adding "We should advise the Domei correspondent at Rome, before publishing such a report, first to consult the German and Russian representatives at Rome who could have told him that this was only nonsense."

Kaiser's Burial Arrangements

BERLIN, June 4 (UP).—Informed German circles have confirmed the report that the ex-Kaiser will be buried at Doorn. The funeral will probably be held on Monday. At the ex-Kaiser's own wish, the funeral will be very quiet with only a small number of persons attending. Although the funeral will be private, representatives of Hitler and the present Government will probably attend. The German Government will also send wreaths, but there will be no State funeral.

Another Strike In America

NEW YORK, June 4 (Reuter).—Millions of dollars' worth of defence materials for Britain have been immobilised here by a strike of 1,400 warehouse workers in New York warehouses. The strikers are demanding an increase in wages.

BRITISH PEACE AIMS APPROVED

LONDON, June 4 (UP).—The Labour Conference to-day endorsed the British peace aims by a memorandum vote of 2,413,000 to 30,000. The memorandum was issued exclusively from the domestic angle, avoiding all reference to international affairs, and proclaiming the intention to work for Socialism in Britain after the war.

Gestapo Blackmails Princess

Imprisoned in a concentration camp, a beautiful Indian princess is being blackmailed by the Nazis to buy her freedom for 2,500,000 francs.

The Princess is the Maharani of Kapurthala, wife of the wealthy Maharajah Jagatjit Singh, one of the most loyal princes of India. They were living in Paris when France fell.

The Maharajah escaped. His wife, thinking she would be left unharmed by the Nazis, remained behind, to follow him as soon as conditions became more normal.

But the Gestapo found her. She was thrown into a concentration camp known as "F 3." It is near Besancon. There she is kept under close guard with political suspects, is given no chance to escape.

When Captain Heinrich Wurzel, camp commandant, realised how wealthy his prisoner was, he offered to let her go if she would agree to pay him 1,000,000 francs.

But the Gestapo found him out and sacked him. Gestapo Colonel Klugge, acting on behalf of Himmler, said the princess could win safe conduct to unoccupied France for 2,500,000 francs.

The money has not yet been paid. The Maharani of Kapurtnala remains at the concentration camp.

New Call To Our Youth

Schoolboy Volunteers For The Navy

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—Schoolboys and other young men may volunteer for the Navy, including the Fleet Air Arm, under the new "Y.U.N." scheme announced by the Admiralty.

They must have reached the age of 17, but will not be called for training until they are 18. Candidates accepted will be entered in the unpaid Navy Reserve and will continue schooling until called up.

They must have reached a certain educational standard or have served a year in the Junior Air Training Corps, Army Cadet or Sea Cadet Corps.

Temporary Commissions

Candidates can volunteer for training as a pilot or observer in the Fleet Air Arm, and if they satisfactorily complete the course of training will be granted temporary commissions in the Air Branch of the Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Candidates accepted as seamen can also be recommended for temporary commissions. Men already registered who wish to be pilots or observers in the Fleet Air Arm, if under 20, can volunteer under the scheme.

University students are eligible, and, if possible, will complete a course of study before called for naval training.

Significance Of Winant Report

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—The veil of secrecy which has shrouded the visit to Washington of Mr John G. Winant, the United States Ambassador to Britain, was partly lifted this evening when Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said at a press conference that the state of international danger to the United States was the subject of his conference with Mr Winant yesterday.

He added that they spent much time going over the United States policy generally in relation to the international situation.

Mr Winant is expected to confer again with President Roosevelt to-day.

Aiding China's Blinded Soldiers

CHUNGKING, June 4 (Central News).—Mr Hermann Becker of the Famine Orphanages and Evangelistic Bands in Chihkiang, Hunan, who has been a missionary in China for over 30 years, is helping about 300 Chinese soldiers who have lost their sight to read and write. He has secured the services of two teachers to teach them the Mandarin Braille Union System.

Mr Becker, care of the China Inland Mission, Chihkiang, Hunan, will be glad to receive any books which have been printed in the Mandarin Braille Union System for use of the blind soldiers.

Mr Quo Tai-chi At Honolulu

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, June 4 (UP).—China's new Foreign Minister, Mr Quo Tai-chi, arrived here to-day by Clipper from San Francisco, en route to Chungking to assume his new post.

IN CAMP—Here are some French people in the internment camp for refugees at Rivesaltes, in unoccupied France. Living is barest and drab, but the refugees hope they may be freed, to go home. Many are eligible for release, reports say, if cases could be investigated. When newsmen visited the camp, recently, many women became hysterical, believing they were to be released.

DEFENCE OF PACIFIC FORTRESS

HAWAII LEARNS FROM ASSAULT ON CRETE

HONOLULU, June 2 (UP).—U.S. Army authorities in the Hawaiian Department were understood to have closely followed the progress of the German invasion attempt on Crete because of the similarity between the defence of the Mediterranean island and this Pacific fortress, where the army has just completed the largest manoeuvres in its history.

At the completion of the manoeuvres, army experts said the island defenders have "annihilated the invaders" in a huge pincers movement combining the fire-power of the ground troops and the striking force of the newly-arrived Flying fortresses.

Informed observers pointed out that the insular positions of the U. S. defenders in Hawaii and the Anglo-Greek defenders in Crete were somewhat similar, although it was emphasised that Hawaii would not have to contend with hordes of airborne troops.

During the manoeuvres the Hawaiian defenders contended with seaborne troops, which occupied all the islands outside Oahu, and also succeeded in landing troops on Oahu, where Honolulu, Pearl Harbour and other principal defence establishments are located.

Principal Difference

The war games proved, however, that the distance of any enemy land bases from Hawaii would make it extremely difficult to transport necessary equipment for an airborne invasion, even if the enemy succeeded in occupying the outside islands.

In this, unofficial sources said, lies the principal difference between Hawaii and Crete, since the Germans were able to assemble troops, equipment and supplies in the nearby Greek mainland.

The "occupation" of the outside islands and the landing of troops on Oahu, however, followed the assumed withdrawal of part of the U.S. naval forces from this area since the problem involved simultaneous attacks from the Pacific and the Atlantic. It was also assumed that part of the remaining units had been destroyed since it was virtually impossible to attack any part of Hawaii while the main fleet is here.

Final Drive

The "landings" followed naval bombardments and heavy air attacks during which, the enemy established himself in the Oahu salient, from where he threatened Honolulu and Pearl Harbour.

Army officials said the final action came just before dawn when the infantry, artillery, tanks, engineers and supporting troops launched a savage assault on the enemy salient. Thousands of troops went forward in the final drive and caught hostile forces between the mountains and the sea.

Experts said the Flying Fortresses were the trump cards. They dropped their heavy bomb loads on the enemy in conjunction with the attack.

The troops, some 40,000 strong, returned to their regular stations at the conclusion of the 12-day manoeuvres.

Cairo Among Gayest Capitals Of World

CAIRO, headquarters city of the Middle East, is ranking top to-day for glamour and gaiety among the world's capitals. I can assure friends and relatives of men fighting under Wavell, Cunningham, and Longmore that they are at least having a gay time on the leaves they spend in this city, writes a "Daily Mail" correspondent.

Maybe true glamour is wearing just a little thin in places. But the lean, sunburned men who have recently acquired that special far-away look the desert gives, scarcely notice it when they arrive on leave.

They come in from the front hungry for the basic good things of life—and they get them in abundance—baths, good food, wine, music, plenty of feminine society.

Do they care if there is a suspicion of last year's fashion about their girl friends' clothes?

They may be disappointed that a new edict closes down the nightclubs at midnight, but if the music the dance bands play is growing a trifle over-familiar now they enjoy it none the less for that.

No Rationing

The cabarets and floor-shows are not quite so good now that the Rumanian, Hungarian, and Bulgarian beauties who gave the best turns have been expelled by the Egyptian Government.

Champagne is more expensive, more difficult to get. The semi-black-out is, I suppose, a little blacker. Shopping is becoming more difficult, if you want imported goods.

But for sheer comfort Cairo has still got any European city beaten hollow, with the possible exception of Lisbon.

You can eat rump steak twice a day if you like, for seven days a week. The only thing rationed in Egypt is paraffin—and few people worry about that.

And Onions

Cairo's commonest vegetable is England's rarest—ONIONS.

If Egypt tried to send to England the 60,000 tons she normally sends in a year they would sprout during the voyage round the Cape. So Egypt is trying to eat them all herself.

Cairo's black-out is a mere matter of blue paint on street lamps and care with headlights. You must be ready to snap into full black-out when enemy planes come over, but, until the sirens go, you can please yourself about drawing your curtains.

Egypt Grows Rich

In the daytime shiny American cars fill the sunny streets—for there is no petrol rationing.

Egyptians are growing rich out of this war—not quite so rich as out of the last war, perhaps, but the British Army are spending £30,000,000 a year in Egypt and the profits are good enough to buy new cars with.

City prices are rising dizzily as money flows into the country. Millions of Egyptian families still live on an income of 2½d. a day—but cabbages are 6d. each in Cairo.

Even the street vendors who foster Empire soldiers to buy hair nets, flywhisks, lilies or lengths of rubber tubing expect bigger profits to-day.

The native markets are finding the troops a good substitute for American tourists. At the Pyramids the guides and men who hire camels and donkeys are doing a brisker trade than ever.

Cairo to-day is rich, gay, comfortable. Yet I have not met a single man out here who would not rather be in London.

Proceeds From "Pure & Simple" Allocated

The Entertainment Committee of the H.K.V.D.C., Nursing Detachment, have just forwarded a cheque for H.K.$2,250 to the B.W.O.F., with a special request that it be allocated to the British Bombed Areas. This amount is the profit from the Entertainment Committee's production "Pure and Simple," which was presented at the China Fleet Club on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26, with a performance for all members of H. M. Forces on Monday, April 28.

The Committee would like to express their deep gratitude to all those who helped in this production, and especially would like to thank their Commandant, Asst. Commandant and the Nursing Detachment as a whole, Messrs Fortescue and Gilmore (the producers) and Carol Bateman (Mrs H. M. Howell) who arranged the dance items, and the following:—Helena May Council, St John's Cathedral Council, The Cheero Club, for the loan of hall for rehearsal; Mesdames R. B. Mace and L. M. S. Lloyd for collecting advertisements; Miss J. Beavis for designing Programme Cover and Poster; Programme Sellers, The Manager and Staff of the China Fleet Club, Mrs Drown for accompanying; Mrs M. A. Sterling for assistance with the dances; Mr J. R. M. Smith and his Orchestra; Mr D. Kossick for loan of curtains; Mr V. C. Labrum for assistance with the Programme advertisements; Messrs J. T. Dupuy and C. H. Cautherley; Major A. R. Colquhoun, R.A.; Dr R. L. Lancaster; Messrs Archer and Samways; Messrs Millington, Ltd., for constuction of scenery and great assistance; Moutrie & Co., Ltd; Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.; General Amusements, Ltd.; *South China Morning Post, Hongkong Telegraph, China Mail and Sunday Herald;* Messrs D. Kossick, D. Robbins, A. Morris, A. K. Hunt and all others who assisted behind the scenes; Mr R. C. Butler for assistance with lighting; Messrs Lane, Crawford, Ltd., for presentation Prize; Mr and Mrs A. E. Nobbins for presentation Prize; the Factory which presented 60 yards of silk; and above all, the audiences who attended the performances in very inclement weather.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers

Union Ins. $405
H.K. Fire Ins. $176
Indo-China (Pref) $80
Docks $14.70
Providents $5.05
Hotels $2.85
Lands $31
Lights "O" $5.60
Lights "N" $1.20
Cements $13
Ropes $0.75
Entertainments $0.25

Sales

Providents $5.07½/5.10
Electric. Rts $11
Telephones "O" $22
Cements $13.25
Ropes $0.90
Watsons $0.60

The exhibition of arts and crafts by Hongkong Schools, arranged by the Education Department, which opened yesterday, will be continued to-day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is a wide range of exhibits, and demonstrations and explanations are being provided by students.

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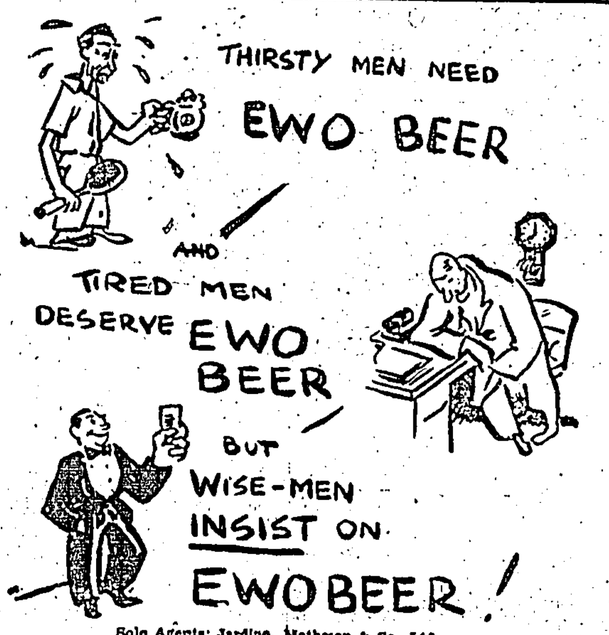

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"WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

Disastrous Week-end For Club de Recreio

Thrilling Climax To Champions-K.B.G.C. 'A' Game

Bad Year For Kowloon C.C.

SATURDAY LAST was a sorry day for Club de Recreio. Three of their four teams in the Lawn Bowls League were defeated, and to make things even worse, the "B" team in the First Division, until then undefeated, went down badly to Craigengower C.C. at Happy Valley, losing on all three rinks. The Portuguese have not had such a bad week-end for a long time.

Last week also saw the first "possible" of the season being scored. To W. J. Howard's Kowloon Tong rink fell the honour, their victims being W. J. Bagley's Prison Officers' rink. In addition to this eight, A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A") and K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.) each scored a seven during the afternoon.

In the big match of the day, between Kowloon B.G.C. "A" and Club de Recreio "A", at Austin Road, everything pointed to a comfortable victory for the champions until the last three heads.

Adam Holland and "Spuggy" Silva finished their game three heads faster than the others—they made a tie of it—and the scores then were 21-14 in R. F. Luz's favour against A. J. Hall and 17-10 in C. G. Silva's favour against J. McKelvie. With a lead of 14 shots, it looked odds on the Portuguese team winning by 4½ points to ½.

But there was a complete transformation on the 19th head when Hall's rink, by persistent drawing, scored a seven. It was not a head over which to enthuse; the first two or three shots were about two feet away from the kitty and the rest were strung out from three to six feet.

Luz, however, was blocked by some badly-placed front woods and failed to alter the position, whereas Hall, by playing on his own woods, added to the count with both his shots.

This was bad enough, for in one head Hall had wiped out his deficit, but worse was to follow.

On the next end, Hall played a beautiful shot with his last wood to take a single and lead 22-21. And in the last head, in an attempt to score two shots, Luz had the misfortune to cut the jack to give his opponents three.

This happened before C. G. Silva and McKelvie played their last head, on which the latter obtained a brace to give his side victory by one shot.

Perhaps if Luz had known how close the scores were all round, he would not have taken any risk. For if he had tried to draw first shot with his last wood and failed, Hall would have been left with only a single and then McKelvie in the last head would have had to score three to tie and four to win.

This last head in the game between Luz and Hall was a good one and is worth describing. I have seen it reported elsewhere that Hall was lying one when the skips went down; actually, he was having three. Luz took two out with a drive and as Hall could not add to the count, two courses were left open to the Portuguese skip.

He could either drive again or try a dead draw. He was advised by his No. 3 (Jackie Noronha) against driving, so he tried the draw. The back hand was open, but even if he succeeded on this hand he could only get one out of it, whereas if he went up on the forehand, there was a chance of playing on a front wood (which was the second shot) and getting two.

The only danger in the latter course was that in order to push the front wood up for a counter, Luz had to have a little more weight than was required for a dead draw—in which case, if he missed the wood, he might move the jack.

This was exactly what happened. He missed his front wood and cut the jack to the right where three K.B.G.C. woods were waiting for it!

While I am of the opinion that the result of the match was decided on this rink, credit must also be given to McKelvie for the fight he put up against Carlos Silva, especially in the last head when he scored two to win the match.

Promoted to skip a senior rink, he was very steady and was given good support by H. E. Drew, who drew some lovely woods.

Johnny Ribeiro, who turned out at No. 3 for Carlos Silva, had just returned to the Colony that morning, and considering that he had stepped off the boat only a few hours before, he played quite a good game.

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THAT Craigengower C.C. would beat Recreio "B" at Happy Valley was fully expected; but the Portuguese had hoped to collect one point at least. But their undefeated rink, skipped by A. P. Guterres, was drawn against U. M. Omar's four, who also had not yet been beaten this season.

With the advantage of green, Omar's men won by three shots. A tie would have been a fairer result, and indeed it would have ended thus but for a bit of luck for the homesters.

When the last head was played, Omar was leading by one shot, and when the skips went down Guterres was lying one. Guterres did not add to the score—it was dangerous for him to be up anyhow with the woods as they were—and Omar, after failing with his first wood, was narrow with his second.

However, he had plenty of weight and hit one of his front woods up, this in turn pushing out the Recreio first shot to give himself two.

Of the eight men here, A. M. Rodrigues was the best. The home rink did not play up to form.

In the other two rinks, both R. W. Bradbury and C. S. Rosselet won easily. Rosselet's men were playing particularly well.

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THIS is certainly not the K.C.C.'s good year. So far they have played five matches, not only losing all of them but getting only three points out of a possible 25.

On Saturday they lost to the Police at the Valley by 4-1 and on Sunday, playing at home, they obtained only half a point against the lowly-placed Kowloon Docks.

The changes that have been made in the team have not had the desired effect. Perhaps they are missing the Old Brigade.

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M. N. Rakusen, who holds the singles crown, was the only Civil Service skip to win in the match against Kowloon B.G.C. "B" at the Valley. Given good support by his front men, J. Gellatly, E. Kirman and M. E. Purvis, Rakusen had the better of Bob Duncan by 27-17.

J. G. Meyer, skipping a "B" rink for the first time, made an auspicious debut by trouncing C. Strange by 27-14, while L. Guy, whose rink was strengthened by the inclusion of G. H. Sherriff at No. 3, finished up three shots to the good against J. P. MacGowan.

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AS a result of the defeat of Recreio "A" in the First Division—which has made the championship very open again—Kowloon Tong and Kowloon F.C., in the Second Division, are the only teams in the whole League who have not yet been beaten.

These two clubs are going great guns in this section. Last week Kowloon Tong entertained the Prison Officers and won by 5-0 while the K.F.C. visited Kowloon C.C. and did likewise.

Kowloon Tong, at the head of the League Table, are in a very strong position as they are five points ahead of the K.F.C. although they have played a match more.

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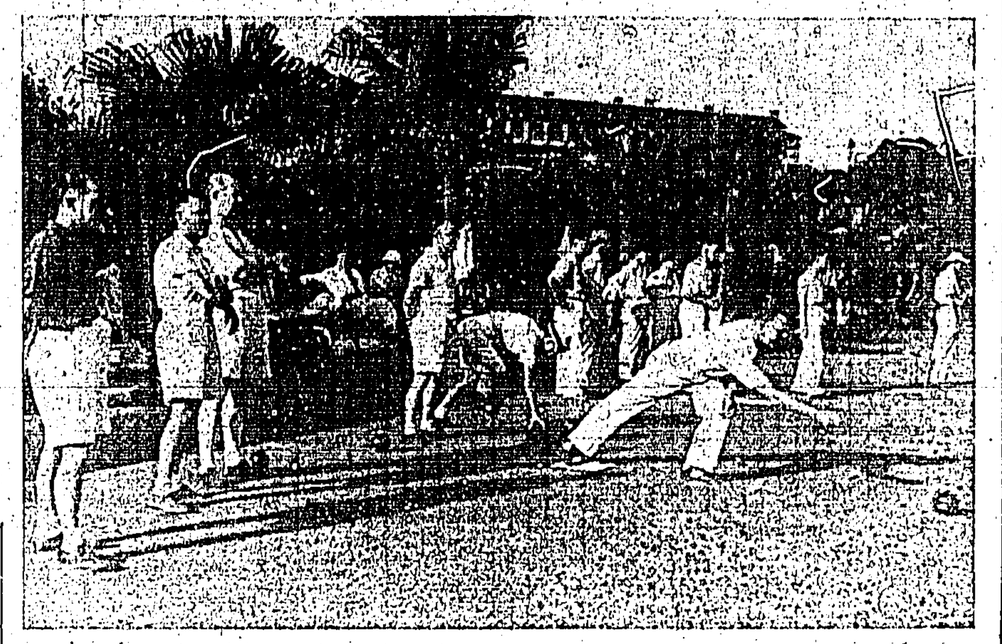
STARTING the season with a rush by winning their first three matches, the Indians, in the Third Division, have been badly beaten in their last two matches.

Last week they lost to Kowloon F.C. at Chatham Road, S. M. Rumjahn being the only visiting skip to win. They started the game very badly and after the first five heads were nearly 20 shots down all round. They finally lost by six shots.

Jim Ferrier Turns Pro.

CHICAGO.—Jim Ferrier, Australian star barred from the national amateur golf tournament last year, has accepted a post as professional at the Elmhurst (Ill.) Country Club, Fred B. Snite Sr of Chicago, club president, announced recently. Ferrier came to the United States about a year ago, possessor of both the Australian open and amateur championships. Just before the national amateur sectional qualifying rounds he was notified by the United States Golf Association he was ineligible because of a book on golf written by him.



The vital Recreio "A"-Kowloon B.G.C. "A" match in progress at the Bowling Green last Saturday. A. Hyde Lay bowling, with J. F. V. Ribeiro (Rec.), J. A. Luz (Rec.), H. E. Drew (K.B.G.C.) and L. Sykes (K.B.G.C.) watching, and C. E. Marques (Rec.) selecting his next wood.—*Ming Yuen.*

Water-polo

Navy "A" Beat Middlesex "B" In Y.M.C.A. Pool

TWO MATCHES in the water-polo Tournament were held yesterday. Navy A, after being two goals down, recovered to beat Middlesex B 4-2 at Y.M.C.A. and Navy B and 5th A.A. Regt. shared four goals in the dockyard

Navy A made one or two changes and took some time to settle down but it was only rank bad marking that cost them the two goals. Bradley scored twice for Middlesex and Navy replied through Paul and Carter. In the second half Navy forged ahead when Paul and Hoare netted and they dominated the latter stages.

Y.M.C.A. Team

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. against Royal Navy "B" in a Water-polo Tournament match this evening at 6.30 p.m. in the "Y" pool:

F. Willis; L. A. Benn and P. Wilson; A. F. May; Sub.-Lieut. Winter, N. D. Booker and L. A. C. Gracie.

Australian Soccer Tour

Sydney, May 27.

Members of the visiting Chinese soccer team assembled at the Cenotaph, and the captain placed a wreath.

Leagues For Miniature Rifle Shooting Teams

SEPARATE LEAGUES will be commenced as early as possible for Open and Aperture Sights under S.M.R.C. Rules. Matches will be at 25 yards range and will normally be Weekly Postal Matches, although teams may make individual arrangements for shoulder-to-shoulder matches.

Each Unit may enter an unlimited number of teams of four in each league, the affiliation fee being H.K.$5 per team per season.

The same team may shoot in both Aperture and Open Sight Leagues.

Target cards for each League Match will be provided by the H.K.R.A.

Colony Matches

Entries have been made for the Colonial Small Bore Match in both Aperture and Open Sights, the teams for which will be chosen from members of the League Teams. On the basis of last year's results, Hongkong has an excellent chance of winning this match.

Arrangements are in progress for a friendly match between a team representing the Colony and an Australian Rifle Club.

Handicap Competitions

It is hoped that this will lead to several friendly matches with overseas Clubs, including a shoot with the National Rifle and Pistol Association of the Philippines.

It is proposed to hold a Monthly Handicap Spoon Competition, details of which will be announced later.

Any information required regarding miniature shooting (.22) may be obtained from Mr A. F. Evans, Royal Air Force Station, Kai Tak, Kowloon.

Major Baseball

Only One Game Played Owing To Rain

NEW YORK, June 4 (UP).—Only one game was played in the National Baseball League to-day owing to rain. Two of the American fixtures were washed out, and the other—Philadelphia v. Chicago—is a night game.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
St Louis	2	9	3
Battery: Gumbert, Mancuso.			
Boston	4	11	1
Battery: Johnson, Masi.			

Lawn Bowls Rinks For The Week-end

The following are Club selections for this week's programme in the Lawn Bowls League:—

FIRST DIVISION

Recreio "A":—J. Luz, C. E. Marques J. F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva (skip); L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, H. A. Alves, F. X. Silva (skip); F. X. Soares, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz (skip).

Recreio "B":—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios, J. J. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, D. Basto, E. Souza, L. J. Silva (skip); C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Guterres (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio:—A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, C. A. Lopes, O. P. Remedios (skip); E. L. Barros, E. M. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves, J. R. Soares (skip); A. P. Pereira, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios, C. C. Pereira (skip).

K.F.C.:—A. Lapsley, V. Atienza V. Chittenden, W. C. Fields (skip); W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern, P. Younghusband (skip); A. A. Dand, C. Dowman, W. C. Simpson, T. Fergusson (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

Recreio:—L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho (skip); C. F. Rosario, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon (skip).

Sunday's Matches

K.F.C.—B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller, B. D. Evans (skip); W. C. Ogley, G. Frost, M. Abbas, J. T. Smalley (skip); G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre, R. Ogden (skip).

Reserves:—T. Gibson, L. Bones, W. Seraphine, L. Mullett.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

K.F.C. (2nd Div. v. C.C.C.):—A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden, W. C. Fields (skip); W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern, P. Younghusband (skip); A. A. Dand, C. Dowman, W. C. Simpson, T. Fergusson (skip).

Reserves:—J. Gibson, W. C. Ogley.

Recreio (2nd Div. v. C.C.C.):—L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho (skip); C. F. Rosario, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon (skip).

R.N.E.R.C.:—A. P. Turbuck, W. H. Macfarlane, J. G. Gerrard, A. de Rome (skip); J. R. Way, W. Stonehouse, W. Blakey, F. R. Way, W. Stonehouse, W. Sigley, F. J. Lunny (skip); R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron, R. C. Butler (skip).

"C" Division Tennis

Craigengower Trounce Indians 9-0

Craigengower Cricket Club's "C" Division tennis team, powerful enough to take on teams in the higher Division, proved far too good for the Indian R.C. in their League match at Happy Valley yesterday, and won by 9-0.

Lee Wah-kek and J. W. Leonard won three sets with the loss of only three games, but W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo went one better and conceded only two games in winning their three matches.

Scores were:

ARMY 7½ K. TONG 1½

At Sookunpoo, Army beat Kowloon Tong 7½-1½.

Etherton and Duffield drew with S. Hsu and D. Chen 6-6; beat K. M. Lee and H. Basto 6-1; beat L. Chan and D. Kwok 6-1.

Webb and Denyer lost to Hsu and Chen 4-6; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

Murray and Megson beat Hsu and Chen 6-4; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

The match between Chinese A and B was postponed.

C.C.C. 9 I.R.C. 0

At Happy Valley Craigengower beat Indians 9-0.

Lee Wah-kek and J. W. Leonard beat A. Rahmin and M. A. Wahab 6-3; beat I. Kitchell and M. Hassan 6-0; beat M. P. Madar and A.R.H. Esmail 6-0.

Geo Lai and T. L. Fao beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-1; beat Kitchell and Hassan 7-5; beat Madar and Esmail 6-3.

K. W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-0; beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1; beat Madar and Esmail 6-1.

UNIVERSITY 8½ K.E.T.C. 5½

At Pokfulam, Kowloon Indians beat University, 8½-3½.

S. A. and S. R. Hussain beat C. K. Cheah and T. Liu 6-1; beat S. L. Yong and T. K. Hui, 6-0; beat Y. Ip and T. C. Lo 6-0.

H. M. Singh and S. A. M. Sopair beat Cheah and Liu 6-3; beat Yong and Hui 6-3; lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

S. Ramsary and Khan drew with Cheah and Liu 6-6; lost to Yong and Hui 3-6; lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

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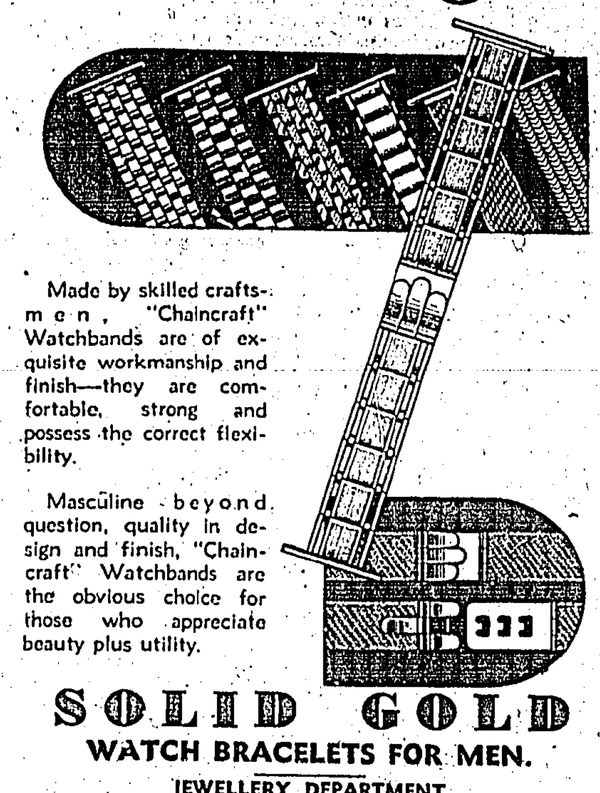

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SCHEME TO STOP PROFITEERING

The British Government intends to put a stop to profiteering. A new bill now in preparation will aim particularly at the activities of unnecessary middlemen and speculators.

Experience of the working of the Limitation of Supplies Orders has shown the Board of Trade that new powers are needed to prevent price increases due to commission transactions between registered firms and other traders. Activities of intermediaries will be curbed and a check put on speculative dealing in goods.

Capt. Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, announced in the House of Commons recently that legislation on the subject would be introduced shortly.

Conditions, he said, had changed since the passing of the Price of Goods Act. The Act had worked satisfactorily up to the present in keeping prices generally at reasonable level in relation to costs.

New Measure Needed

"But," he added, "I am satisfied that a further measure of price regulation is needed."

The new bill will fix maximum wholesale and retail prices for a wide range of goods in common use, and also for such services as the storage of furniture. It will not apply to food, which is dealt with separately.

Besides fixing prices the Board of Trade will lay down maximum wholesale and retail percentage margins. It will also have power to deal with manufacturers' prices and margins.

Penalties for profiteering will be severe, including imprisonment up to two years and fines up to £500.

Minister With A Barrow

Impressed by the appeals of his bombed-out parishioners to save their furniture lying under debris the Rev. E. Ralph, Baptist minister, of Catford Hill Church, became a salvage officer and furniture remover in his spare time.

Borrowing a coster's barrow, the minister, aided only by his caretaker, Mr. Geddes, has salvaged and stored in the church hall, free of charge, the goods of 30 families; Roman Catholics, Jews, Church of England and Baptists.

"About ten families have given me the furniture to use as I wish," he said.

"I give it to needy families or sell it to well-to-do ones. With the money I help out poor people who have to go to the country.

Coloured Clogs Are Latest

Clogs without clatter—new slogan of Britain's clogmakers—plus wartime needs and leather supply difficulties are bringing a boom in the demand for rubber-soled models.

But what a contrast to those in which Lancashire and Yorkshire mill-girls used to clatter over the cobbles to work!

Now with uppers made of bright red, green and blue leather and the wooden soles covered with rubber, dainty clogs are being produced to be worn with the smartest outdoor clothes.

Already they are being worn by Yorkshire girls. Soon, judging by the number of orders pouring into the Bradford firm which has created the new style, they will be seen in many other parts of the country.

A contract for thousands of pairs of clogs for A.T.S. girls and Waafs to wear on camp duty has recently been placed.

Chance Find

Coloured leather uppers came into use by chance. "Previously we had concentrated on plain stout clogs with uppers of black or tan leather for wear by factory workers and children," the head of a Bradford firm said.

"The war brought supply difficulties. Finding there were big stocks of coloured leather available, we decided to experiment, and we think the clog which has resulted is as smart as anything yet produced by shoemakers for outdoor wear.

"We are experiencing an enormous demand from war workers. Clogs are also popular among air-raid shelterers, who say there is nothing to beat them for keeping the feet warm and dry.

"Clogs are cheap, too. Our new style will probably retail at about 12s. a pair, and the cost of re-clogging them is small compared with that of boot and shoe repairs, while we reckon the uppers will last twice as long as an ordinary shoe."

Sweden Now Replacing Her Shipping Losses

Sweden's merchant shipping loss—95 ships totalling 342,545 tons since the war began—is being replaced rapidly by new construction, according to recent Swedish information.

Fifty new ships with a total tonnage of 235,000 were launched at Swedish yards in 1940, and 45 ships totalling 190,000 tons already have been delivered. At the beginning of this year another 50 vessels, aggregating about 550,000 tons, were either under construction or contracted for.

At present Sweden has 650,000 tons of shipping or 40 per cent. of existing tonnage outside the blockade. Another 1,000,000 tons is inside the Skagerrak barrier. Most of those ships outside the blockade are employed in carrier service including convoy service to Great Britain. Vessels inside the blockade are for the most part coastwise craft or trans-Baltic carriers.

63 Ships Idle

On Jan. 1 this year the number of idle Swedish ships of over 300 tons was 63, making a total tonnage of 287,000. This includes the Gripsholm and the Drottingholm of the Swedish American Line, while the Kungsholm still is in the cruise service out of New York.

Though five Swedish ships are allowed by the British to pass monthly through the blockades, there will be no increase in the tonnage outside the barriers. Every ship that enters must either come out or be replaced with another of the same size.

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RECORDING THE NEWS: HOW THE BBC WORKS

Listeners to BBC news bulletins often hear the announcer say something like this: 'Our Observer, Robin Duff, visited Dover this afternoon. Here are his impressions recorded on the spot.' How the Observer's impressions are recorded and later broadcast to the world is described in this article, written by a senior member of the BBC's Engineering Staff.

A vital task of broadcasting is to give an accurate and vivid impression of contemporary life and current events. The most direct way of doing this is by means of sound pictures which combine the actual sounds of events with the voices of the men and women taking part in them. Sometimes this can be done by roving microphones, connected by telephone line to a studio centre, but the most interesting topical material is sometimes to be found at places remote from telephone lines or at times unsuitable for broadcasting. It must then be collected by means of a mobile recording unit.

Before describing the activities of the mobile units in wartime, let us look at the equipment itself. It is of two kinds—a heavy type mounted in a large van and a light portable apparatus carried in a saloon car. Each of these has its special uses; both make records in the form of discs which are somewhat similar in appearance to ordinary twelve-inch gramophone records, but consist of a coating of special cellulose varnish on a base of aluminium.

They are ready for playing as soon as the record has been cut, without any of the elaborate intermediate processes involved in making ordinary records, and each disc can be played twenty or thirty times before it becomes noticeable to those used in the disc-recording rooms at BBC studios.

Electric currents, corresponding to the sound waves picked up by the microphone, cause vibrations of a recording stylus which cuts a wavy spiral track in the varnish on the surface of the disc. The spiral motion is obtained by causing the recording head which carries the stylus to move slowly across the surface of the disc while the latter is rotating on the turn-table. When the disc is played, currents similar to those which were applied to the recording cutter are produced by the vibrations of the needle in the gramophone pick-up; after amplification these currents can be made to reproduce the original sound through a loud-speaker, either directly or through the medium of wireless transmission.

Mobile Unit

A mobile unit of the heavier type consists of a motor van, weighing about six tons when laden, the body of which is divided into two compartments. One compartment is acoustically treated so as to form a small studio suitable for speech. The other contains two sets of recording equipment (so that a continuous recording can be made by passing from one turn-table to the other as each disc is finished) together with the associated amplifiers, the controlling and switching equipment, and the battery-charging plant.

Recordings can be made either of speech from the microphone in the studio compartment, or of speech or other sounds picked up by other microphones outside the van and connected to it by cables.

The van can work away from its base, if necessary, for several weeks at a time and, since the equipment is all operated from batteries which can be charged from the engine of the van, it is self-contained and independent of electric supply mains. The size of the van makes it possible to accommodate the most complete technical equipment for controlling the programme and checking the accuracy of the recording, and also to employ the most robust and convenient form of recording apparatus.

The turn-tables can be made level by hydraulically operated adjustments so that recordings can be made when the van is standing on a slope. The speed of the turn-tables can be accurately adjusted, and gramophone pick-ups and a loudspeaker are provided for reproducing sound from the records when necessary.

Getting The News

Although these heavy recording vans are well suited to many kinds of recording work, experience has proved that a lighter form of mobile equipment is also necessary.

In 1938 the BBC News Department felt the need for a mobile unit which could travel rapidly to any part of the country, obtain a topical news story, and bring the records back the same night (to London or any other BBC studio centre) to be included in the news bulletins. The apparatus had to be sufficiently compact to fit into an ordinary saloon car, light enough to be carried into a building or set up in an aeroplane, and robust enough to withstand travelling over bad roads at high speeds.

Although it would normally be used in the car, the apparatus had to be readily movable so that it could be carried by hand to places to which the car could not be taken. It had also to be independent of external power supplies and to be suitable for use not only as a recording unit, but also for direct outside broadcasting work where suitable Post Office telephone lines were available to carry a 'live' broadcast.

It was also necessary to provide facilities for reproducing a recording and connecting the output to a studio centre. The equipment had also to fit into the car without any modification of the standard bodywork and without fitting any special mountings in the car.

The present design of the light recording unit is the result of a study of the problem by BBC engineers. It is not possible for such a compact unit to provide all the advantages of the heavier one—it cannot make a continuous recording lasting longer than the duration of a single disc (about four minutes), and it lacks many of the facilities and refinements which are provided by the heavy van. But where speed is essential it has a great advantage, because the saloon car is not subject to the statutory speed limit of twenty miles an hour, which is imposed on the large van; moreover, it can be manoeuvred more easily in narrow streets and parked in more restricted spaces.

The Recording Apparatus

The apparatus consists of three main parts: the recording machine, the amplifier, and the power-supply unit.

The recording machine consists essentially of a heavy turn-table, the cutter-head, and the tracking gear which gives the correct spiral form to the groove. The turn-table is driven by an electric motor operated from a twelve-volt accumulator battery. The shaft of this motor carries a small rubber wheel which is in contact with the rim of the turn-table, so that the latter is driven smoothly and evenly at a considerably lower speed than that of the motor. The same motor also drives the tracking mechanism; this includes a leadscrew which is supported behind the turn-table and extends across the width of it. As it rotates, this lead-screw carries a rigid arm slowly across the turn-table from the outer edge of the disc towards the centre; to the end of this arm is attached the cutter-head, which looks very much like an ordinary gramophone pick-up except that instead of a steel needle there is a steel cutter, the edge of which is accurately shaped to carefully calculated angles. The action of the currents which are passed through the cutter-head is to vibrate the cutter from side to side and so produce a waviness in the spiral groove corresponding to the sounds which are being recorded.

Amplifier

The weak currents produced by the microphone are applied to the input of an amplifier which gives an output sufficient to operate the recording cutter. This amplifier has three stages of amplification and uses the principle of 'negative feed-back' to neutralize any distortion which may arise within itself or in the recording head.

The first section of the amplifier is the same as that used for ordinary outside broadcasts, and it may be employed for this purpose by switching off the output stage and connecting the telephone line to the terminals provided. In this condition the amplification is sensibly the same for all frequencies from fifty to eight thousand cycles per second, i.e. for all the notes on a piano from the lowest G to more than an octave above the highest note.

On the top of the amplifier there are two input sockets—one for connecting a moving-coil microphone, the other for connecting either the electrical pick-up for reproducing recorded discs or a three-channel microphone mixing unit; the latter is used for selecting or combining the various outputs when more than one microphone is used. On the front of the amplifier there are mounted a peak programme meter and a controlling 'potentiometer'—or volume-control—to ensure that the correct volume is applied to the recording head throughout the recording.

Recorder

The recording machine is provided with two main operating levers—one to engage the tracking mechanism to start the traverse of the cutter across the disc and the other to lower the cutter-head on to the blank disc at the moment when the recording is to start. Provision is also made for varying the depth of the cut, the angle of the cutting stylus, and the speed with which the recording head moves towards the centre of the disc. This last adjustment determines the pitch of the spiral track, i.e. the number of grooves per inch which appear on the disc.

During recording, a brush moves across the face of the disc and sweeps up the thread of swarf which is cut from it, and which is thus prevented from becoming tangled round the cutter. The sweeping movement of the brush is derived from the clamp which holds down the centre of the disc, through a small rubber-tyred wheel which is fixed eccentrically on one end of the brush holder. The brush can be removed and an electrical pick-up plugged into the same socket for playing back the recorded disc. When the pick-up is plugged in, the necessary electrical connections to the amplifier are made automatically.

Accuracy Of Sound Reproduction

To obtain faithful reproduction of the original sounds the speed of rotation of the turn-table must remain constant at the standard rate of seventy-eight revolutions per minute. The speed is constantly checked by means of a 'stroboscope', which consists of a number of holes drilled in the outer rim of the turn-table and of a neon lamp which shines through these holes from beneath. This lamp is supplied with alternating current from a small specially designed oscillator mounted in the case of the recording machine. The spacing of the holes in the rim of the turn-table is related to the rate of flashing of the lamp in such a way that the light appears to remain stationary when the turn-table is rotating at the correct speed, but to move round the turn-table in one direction or the other when the speed is too fast or too slow.

The power-supply unit contains a motor-generator and smoothing circuits for the high-tension supply to the amplifier, the controls necessary for the low-tension circuits, and a variable resistance for regulating the speed of the turn-table. This unit is elastically mounted to reduce vibration and supplies direct current at four hundred volts; it is driven by the accumulator battery. There are two small circuit breakers, one to control the motor-generator and the other to control the filament supply to the amplifier; these switch off the current if an accidental short circuit occurs.

In order that the equipment can be assembled and put into operation with the least possible delay, the connections between the various units are made by means of interconnecting cables fitted with plugs and sockets, the cables being carefully screened, where necessary, to prevent electrical interference. The whole of the equipment operates from two batteries, each consisting of five nickel-iron accumulator cells. One of the batteries has a capacity of a hundred and twenty ampere-hours and the other of eighty ampere-hours, the supply for the filaments being taken from the larger battery. The turn-table motor and the motor-generator take their supply from the two batteries connected in series.

The equipment is normally carried in a fourteen-horse-power saloon car. The supply unit stands on the floor behind the driver's seat. The amplifier rests on the top of it and the recording machine stands on the rear seat of the car. The batteries are carried in the luggage boot and their connecting cables run through the back of the rear seat. The luggage boot also contains cable drums holding up to four hundred yards of screened microphone cable, telephone sets for communication between the microphone points and the recording engineer in the car, the three-channel mixer, loud-speakers, a telescopic microphone stand, and a kit of tools. There are also head-phones for checking the programmme when it is not convenient to use a loudspeaker.

'We Are Now Taking You Over To . . . .!'

When the records have been made, they are either taken to one of the BBC studio centres or played back in the car itself, the output being connected by a telephone line to the studio centre. Lines used for the transmission of a programme are specially tested by the lines engineers of the BBC and 'equalized' so that they respond equally to all frequencies within the range necessary for the faithful transmission of music.

For reproducing recordings in this way, the car is taken to a telephone exchange where connections can be made directly to the telephone lines. In order that the recording may be started at precisely the right moment to fit into the broadcast programme of which it is to form part, it is necessary for the recording engineer in the car to hear the cue which is the signal for him to lower the pick-up on the record and 'fade up' the output. This cue may either be taken on another telephone line from the studio centre, or it may be heard on a portable receiver tuned to the programme in which the recording is to be inserted.

In the latter case, the recording engineer will hear the announcer say: 'We are now taking you over to . . . . to hear our observer, whose commentary has been recorded earlier to-day'—or the commentator may speak directly at the microphone, starting on a signal from the engineer, to link together the various recorded items into a connected story.

Each section of the recording is then played over at the appropriate points in the observer's talk.

Smooth presentation of this type of programme demands close co-operation and complete understanding between the recording engineer and the programme staff both at the outside broadcast point and in the studio centre.

Although the equipment is normally operated from the car while stationary, recordings have been made while on the move—following processions, in aeroplanes in the air, in express trains, at sea and even in a submarine diving.

On Active Service

Since the beginning of the war, some of the mobile recording units and the men who use them have seen dangerous and exacting service. On the declaration of war one of the saloon cars was loaded on to a cross-Channel steamer at Dover. It passed through the French customs without delay, and was driven to Paris, where it was left for a time in a deep garage ready for action. When BBC war correspondents were allowed to accompany the B.E.F. early in October 1939, the BBC unit, consisting of a commentator, a programme official, and an engineer took possession of the car. Accommodation was provided at G.H.Q., and an attic was made into a small studio.

During the winter, the extreme cold made it difficult to cut good records, partly because frost patterns formed on the blank discs and affected the surface, and partly because the liquid in the batteries was affected. Temperatures as low as forty degrees Fahrenheit below freezing were encountered, and the engineer even had to take the discs to bed in order that they might be in good condition for cutting next day.

One of the many programmes recorded by this unit took place in the Maginot Line, where the apparatus was taken out of the car and set up on a truck on the miniature railway system which ran through the underground forts. Another was the recording of a march past of the band of the Chasseurs Alpins, which was taken at six-o'clock in the morning in a blinding snow-storm in the Jura Mountains. Many of the broadcasts from France were relayed through the Lille station of the French Post Office, where the French engineers did magnificent work in fixing up lines at very short notice. The mobile unit was also sent from time to time to the R.A.F. headquarters for the use of a second BBC commentator there. The same equipment was used by one of the American broadcasting companies and by the French war correspondents attached to the B.E.F., and also for 'live' broadcasts of the concert parties arranged by E.N.S.A.

During May the unit accompanied the army to Brussels and beyond, then back to Lille, Arras, and Amiens. By this time, it had two sets of equipment at its disposal. Then came the rapid move to Boulogne, during which some of the equipment had to be abandoned at Amiens. The cables between Boulogne and London were still intact, and several despatches were given by BBC observers from Boulogne. After a few days, during which there was frequent bombing, the equipment was brought back to England.

Meanwhile, a second recording unit was with the Advanced Air Striking Force near Rheims; it was through this unit that many listeners at home first heard the sound of falling bombs. The enemy had been particularly active in this area for some time, and during one of the despatches from the R.A.F. a salvo of bombs dropped close to the open window of the studio.

Since their return these recording units have still been engaged in reporting incidents in the war. One of the most outstanding of these recordings was made on the cliffs of Dover. The unit had just taken up its stand there, when a convoy was seen steaming slowly up the Channel. Just as the convoy was passing the point where the recording car was stationed, German dive-bombers attacked it. Anti-aircraft guns went into action, followed by squadrons of fighters. The recording of this action with the running commentary which accompanied it gave a realistic impression of the successful battle which ensued. The records were taken to London and broadcast in the nine o'clock news bulletin that same evening.

During another broadcast from 'Hell-fire Corner', the recording unit was machine-gunned by a Messerschmitt; it suffered no damage and the German machine was brought down by anti-aircraft fire. It also recorded the shell-fire from the long-range guns installed by the Germans on the Channel coast when shells fell in Dover for the first time.

Meanwhile, the work of the mobile recording unit continues—bringing to listeners at home and overseas the sound and scenes of Great Britain at war.

B.B.C. WAIVE WEDDING BAR

THE B.B.C. marriage "bar" to women members of their staff has been waived for the duration.

Before the war, members of the staff wishing to marry had to obtain permission. Cases were considered by a board and if applicants had key positions, and it was considered their domestic life would not interfere with their jobs, permission was granted.

Now that the "bar" has been lifted, a large number of B.B.C. girls have married, and some already-married are being taken on.

GETS 22 NAZIS—Pilot Officer Eric Lock of British Air Force, who is credited with downing 22 German planes. He is the youngest in Air Force—only 21. He has been given Distinguished Flying Cross, with bar, and Distinguished Service Order of Britain.

NORWAY SHIPS ESCAPE

The Nazi rulers of Norway, worried because ships are said to be escaping to Britain, have ordered every Norwegian vessel to stay in harbour.

Death will be the penalty for anyone disobeying this order.

Norway's fishing fleet has been put under military control.

"Dash To It"

Overhead warplanes soar, ready to swoop on any ship that "makes a dash for it."

An Exchange message from Sweden, reporting this, quoted a Gothenburg newspaper as saying:

"Recently several Norwegian vessels have crossed to English ports with fugitives on board."

Other Feats

Some daring escapes have been made from Norway.

Last summer two men crossed to Scotland—200 miles—in a 20ft motor-boat.

A few weeks earlier, an 18-ton trawler reached a port in Canada with her fuel tanks almost empty.

Baby Was Entombed Three Days

Somewhere in the wreckage of a house demolished in a recent Merseyside raid lay a four-month-old baby girl.

Rescue squads tunnelled through the debris. They knew their task must be hopeless, but they were determined not to give up until they were certain.

Twenty-four hours passed, and there was no sign of life. Two days and still they had not found the child.

They struggled on for the third day. And in a lull they heard, from somewhere near, the faint cry of a baby coming through that mass of brick and rubble.

Frantically, yet gently, they tore away the remaining barriers.

And there, in an old-fashioned wooden cradle, lay the baby they had spent three days struggling to reach. Her parents had been killed, but she appeared unharmed.

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Polish Training Camps Turning Out An Army

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—General Sikorski's visit to the United States and his conversation with President Roosevelt aroused great enthusiasm in Poland, declared the Polish Commander-in-Chief in a statement on the results of his American tour to the Polish National Council in London to-day.

The Polish President, M. Raczkiewich, and all members of the Government were present.

General Sikorski was welcomed by the Acting Vice-Chairman of the National Council, Dr Lieberman, the well-known Polish Socialist leader.

General Sikorski said that Polish pilots and sailors were on active service and a Polish Brigade in the Middle East, under the command of General Wavell, had taken up its position.

Helping Defend Britain

The Polish forces which were defending an important sector of Britain could easily be enlarged by new recruits from Polish manpower in the Western Hemisphere.

The organisation of Polish military training camps in Canada, therefore, had become an acute problem and the Polish Government had decided to spend part of its gold reserves for this object.

The first large comfortable camp would be established at Owen Sound, Ontario, and the second at Windsor. General Sikorski hoped that the Polish forces might be further enlarged next year in readiness for offensive action on the Continent.

General Sikorski paid a warm tribute to the assistance the United States is giving the Allies and expressed his sincere belief that the unlimited potentialities of the United States' war industry would bring victory.

ADMIRAL NOBLE'S NEW JOB

Tough, grey-haired, 61-year-old Admiral Sir Percy Lockhart Harnam Noble, who has been appointed to direct Britain's forces in the Battle of the Atlantic, is now Commander-in-Chief Western Approaches.

The Admiral's headquarters and the nature of the forces at his disposal must, of course, remain secret, but it can be said that he has already taken up his duties and set about the stern task of combating Grand-Admiral Raeder's much-heralded attack against shipping along our Trans-Atlantic life-line.

47 Years In Navy

After 47 years in the Royal Navy Sir Percy has earned the reputation of being able to tackle the most awkward problems.

That was why he was appointed Fourth Sea Lord and Chief of Supplies and Transport in 1935, at a time when the Navy was preparing for its expansion programme; and why, when things began to get difficult in the Far East, he was sent out in 1938 as Commander-in-Chief, China Station.

Admiral Sir Percy Noble began his sea career when he entered the Navy in 1894. He was promoted Captain in 1918 and held many commands. In 1929 he became Rear-Admiral and in 1939, while Commander-in-Chief China Station, he was appointed Admiral.

The Big Stick

There is a story told about him when he was in charge of a naval training establishment.

He was asked: "What do you do if the boys make trouble?"

"I talk to them," he replied.

"And if they still make trouble?"

Came the answer: "If that happened, then I should have to use the stick."

He fought the Germans with the Grand Fleet in the last war; now he will take a big stick to the Nazis in the Atlantic.

The importance of his appointment is that one man will wield this new big stick. He will have the full assistance of the R.A.F. and the Ministry of Shipping.

"My husband has one hobby—the Navy," Lady Noble told reporters. "He is tremendously enthusiastic about his work."

FOR CONVOY—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., New York financier and philanthropist, who urges President Roosevelt to convoy arms to Britain. He said usually he was for peace but now he's against Hitler domination.

Church Group Asks All Aid To Britain

Adoption of any means necessary to ensure the delivery of American war materials to Britain was urged upon President Roosevelt in a resolution approved by the executive committee of the Inter-Faith Committee for Aid to the Democracies, and made public in New York recently by Dr Henry A. Atkinson, general secretary.

The Committee comprises 1,000 religious leaders of all denominations throughout the United States, many of whom have been active in peace movements in the past.

The resolution, as forwarded to the White House, follows:

"The executive committee of the Inter-Faith Committee for Aid to the Democracies being convinced that the battle of the Atlantic is crucial for the defeat of totalitarianism and the preservation of democratic civilization, urges upon the President and the Government of the United States to use whatever means are adequate to guarantee that the life-line between Britain and America be kept open and that the goods now being produced in America in ever-increasing amounts, actually reach Britain safely."

Church Faces Black-out

A statement by Dr Atkinson, released through the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, said the resolution was the most effective answer possible to those who charge church leaders with apathy or isolationism in the world crisis.

"The Church knows it faces a black-out," he added, "if Hitler controls the Western World and Japan the East."

LATE NEWS

Photographic Contest Open To All

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although usually entered in the Still Life Section.

Handsome Prize List

Messrs. Ilford, Ltd. of London, have again donated two Silver cups for the best and second-best pictures in the competition, irrespective of class. It has been decided that the two pictures gaining these much coveted awards, will not be entitled to other prizes.

The Eastman Kodak Company have again given three handsome silver cups as first prizes in each section. These will be known as the Kodak Silver Trophies. Cash prizes to the value of $250 have been donated by the *Telegraph*. In addition, all prize-winners and commended entries will be awarded special certificate.

Open Competition

For the first time in the history of these competitions, there will be no restrictions as to amateur or professional status, the competition being an open one on the lines of similar leading photographic events in other parts of the world. The standard of the Craftsmen's Section—included for the first time last year, was of such a high order, that it is felt that local amateurs will hold their own with professionals.

Another new rule will be incorporated, disallowing the use of aliases by competitors. It is felt that the practice is not desirable, and liable to lead to dissatisfaction on the part of those who enter under their own name.

The competition starts immediately, and pictures may be sent in at any time, addressed to "Photographic Competition", The "Hongkong Telegraph", Morning Post Building. The closing date will be September 30.

The rules and other particulars will be published shortly.

J. B. Priestley May Be M.P.

Mr A. P. Herbert, M.P., who recently gave the postscript after the nine o'clock B.B.C. news in place of Mr J. B. Priestley, told his listeners that he is determined to get Mr Priestley into Parliament.

Mr Priestley's postscripts, given each Sunday for several weeks, have aroused considerable controversy. So has his action in starting his own pocket political party, the "1941 Committee," the adherents of which are people who have listened to his broadcasts.

Mr Herbert, who is among Mr Priestley's critics, told his listeners.

"I have said before that I wish Mr Priestley and others like him would come into the House of Commons and help us, and I say it again, because I mean it in a friendly way, not as an impertinence but as a patriotic duty.

"There is no man so wise and fine that Parliament will not be good for him," added Mr Herbert.

Etonian Toppers Mark June 4

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—The traditional dress of swallow-tail coats and silk hats was adhered to by Eton College boys in to-day's Fourth of June celebrations, but clothes rationing may make it the last occasion until after the war.

The celebrations were among the quietest on record.

The bombing of the Upper School last December made it impossible for speeches to be delivered in the historic building for the first time in 170 years.

For obstructing a policeman by giving warning to a hawker of his approach, Wong Sai-ngau, 18, unlicensed hawker, was fined $1 by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy yesterday.

H.K.-LOAN BONDS

It is notified that drawings will take place on June 18 of bonds, to the value of one twenty-fifth of the amount issued, in the case of the Hongkong Dollar Loan of June 1934, and the Dollar Loan of June 1940, for redemption on July 15, 1941. The drawings will commence in the Urban Council Chamber at 3 p.m.

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Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, JUNE 4 (UP).—WELL INFORMED TRAVELLERS FROM SYRIA ESTIMATE THAT 25,000 SOLDIERS ACCOMPANIED THE FRENCH COLONEL COLLET IN HIS FLIGHT TO PALESTINE TO JOIN THE DE GAULLIST MOVEMENT. THE TRAVELLERS REPORTED THAT FRENCH PLANES ARE STILL ESCAPING TO PALESTINE WHILE FRENCH FIGHTER PLANES REMAIN PASSIVE DURING R.A.F. RAIDS ON SYRIA.

It is alleged that the native troops are strongly De Gaullist and there is but little prospect that the French will offer more than a token resistance. It is stated that there is an acute bread shortage which has accelerated the demoralisation throughout Syria.

GERMAN INFILTRATIONS

(By "Reuter" on the Syrian Frontier)

CAIRO, June 4.—Reports trickling over the frontier indicate that steady German infiltration of Syria continues by land, sea and air. Thrice weekly the Taurus express disgorges batches of approximately 50 Nazis while further Germans continue to arrive by plane at Syrian airports.

The latest reports indicate that more than 12 planes are arriving daily, many of which are fighters. Yesterday 150 troop-carriers landed at Rayak but for what purpose is unknown as all were empty.

Although the reports are unconfirmed, I believe that the 400 so-called wounded who recently landed at Beirut from a hospital ship are members of the Nazi Tank Corps, which has now taken control of French armoured cars and tanks which had lain idle for four months.

Coincidentally comes the news of the tightening of the Vichy iron grip. Any officers attempting to escape to Palestine are shot on the spot. This fact is proved by the news that two were shot yesterday while attempting to cross the border.

Revenge On Families

Furthermore the Army has been warned that if they attempt to escape, their families will be imprisoned and their goods confiscated.

One who reached Palestine said that Senegalese were manning the frontier. They are mostly pro-British and now have ten Vichy officers to every 100 men. These officers are instructed that if any British attempt to cross the frontier in Syria, they must shoot.

Hotels Reserved

Although most of the Germans arriving in Syria disappear immediately to unknown destinations in the interior, three of the leading hotels in Beirut are reserved for Germans only. The majority of the Germans are selected for their knowledge of French. They are excellent linguists but their writing in the hotel registers reveals their nationality.

Those coming from Turkey inscribe via Aleppo instead of Alep, which is the true French version.

The majority of Frenchmen in Syria secretly express disgust at the German infiltration and understanding of the British suppression of the Iraq rebellion, while the determined attacks on Syrian airports and the desertion of Colonel Collet are all having an encouraging effect.

Frontier Is Quiet

Meanwhile the frontier is supremely quiet and after a tour extending from the Mediterranean to the Sea of Galilee, I saw nothing which indicated that secret movements are going on in Syria.

Crops are now ripe: Jews and Arabs alike are peacefully harvesting in the frontier region.

French Ports For Germans

Dakar Being Used As Submarine Base

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 4 (UP).—The "News Chronicle's" naval commentator lists six French naval bases which have been made available to the French and Germans under the Darlan-Hitler agreement, namely, Sete, Ville Franche, Beirut, Algiers, Casablanca and Dakar.

"Germany is already using Dakar as a submarine base and U-boats from there have practically blockaded the Cape Verde islands," he declared.

"Under the terms of the agreement Germany will be able to base surface raiders and warships there as well as at Casablanca thus threatening the great north and south trade routes of the Atlantic.

"Reuter" adds that if this report is borne out by developments, it is obviously of first-class importance.

Possession of Dakar would put German ships at a base where the distance between Africa and the South American continent no more than about 2,000 miles and would also constitute a further menace to British shipping from West African ports.

Vichy Denial

VICHY, June 4 (Reuter).—Reports published abroad that six French naval bases had been set aside for joint occupation by Franco-German forces are formally denied in authoritative circles here, says the official French news agency.

Egyptian Cabinet Changes

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—A Cabinet reshuffle is taking place here. Members of the Cabinet have submitted their resignations to the Premier, who in turn sent his resignation to King Farouk to-night.

It is understood that the re-forming of the Cabinet will be completed to-morrow under the same Premier and with the Sandist Party and Wafd still refusing to join the Cabinet.

While the Wafd will still remain outside the Cabinet, this is purely a question of internal politics and has nothing to do with external affairs.

The Wafd wants a general election held first before entering the National Government whereas other parties consider this undesirable in wartime.

The idea of further broadening the basis of the government is generally welcomed here.

U. S. SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

Nearly 70 Vessels Available

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—The Maritime Commission to-day ordered 14 Atlantic and Gulf Coast Line operators to make available to Britain 50 per cent of their tonnage. It is estimated that this will affect from 60 to 70 vessels of approximately 375,000 tons.

Ready To Man Ships

Informed sources to-day stated that the United States has crews ready to man immobilised foreign ships as soon as they are requisitioned under the bill which is now awaiting President Roosevelt's signature.

Government shipping officials are reported to be eager to see some of the ships operating because the transfer of merchantmen to Britain and the Army and Navy has seriously depleted the merchant marine.

Meanwhile, the Maritime Commission is expected to conclude agreements with several steamship lines within a few days to acquire freighters and passenger ships which are needed by the Army and Navy as transports and supply ships. The Navy is expected to man some of these so that the present crews would be free to serve on the requisitioned ships.

MOSUL OILFIELDS SEIZED

No Evidence Of Sabotage

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—The occupation of Mosul was carried out by British air-borne and ground troops yesterday, according to military circles in Cairo which, owing to lack of news, are unable to state whether the British met with any resistance.

The same circles said that there was no evidence of any particular damage to the oil-pumping stations and that the wells were intact.

Declared Enemy Country

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—The Egyptian Ministry of Finance has placed Syria on the list of countries with which it is forbidden to trade as "being occupied either by Germany or Italy."

Latest Nazi Fighters Shot Down

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—Two of Germany's latest Messerschmitt fighters, MF-109F, were shot down into the English Channel this evening.

They were among a number which attempted to cross the Kent coast above the clouds but were tackled by cannon-firing Spitfires. One British fighter is missing.

The ME-109F is a development of last year's ME-109, the chief new feature being bigger engine power.

British Oil For Thailand

Important Effects

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, June 4 (UP).—Major Vilas Osthanandu told the "United Press" to-day that British oil companies, through the good offices of the Straits Government, have agreed to supply oil to Thailand in an undetermined amount, but "sufficient to save Thailand from a serious shortage."

The Major stressed the fact that although the negotiations do not constitute an Anglo-Thai rapprochement, the conversations with defence chiefs and civic leaders in Singapore had "cleared up many misunderstandings which had been created by foreign propaganda."

Meanwhile, Admiral Layton declared that the Thai Mission is nearing a successful conclusion with the British oil companies and that Thai's leaning toward Britain is "discernible."

Cruiser Perth Safe Though Hit At Crete

LONDON, June 4 (British Wireless).—A Melbourne press message states that Mr W. M. Hughes, Minister of the Navy, has revealed that during the evacuation from Crete, the cruiser Perth, which transported 1,000 troops, was intensively bombed.

Though she was hit and sustained damage from a near miss, she was safe. Four were killed and three injured.

INVASION PORTS RAIDED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOLKESTONE, June 4 (UP).—Heavy explosions across the mist shrouded Channel to-day indicated that the R.A.F. had attacked the northwest France invasion port area at least twice this afternoon.

The explosions which continued for quite some time, shook southeast England coast towns.

BATTLE OF ATLANTIC

Efficacy Of U.S. Patrol Discussed

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—The United States Navy has not yet been able to determine whether the expansion of the United States naval patrol has substantially reduced the effectiveness of German submarine operations.

This was stated by Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, to-day. The Germans, he said, were claiming a tremendous number of sinkings, but "hitherto the British had generally been right" in contending that the true figures were much less than the German claims.

To Train Pilots

Colonel Knox, who was speaking at his press conference, disclosed that the United States Navy had offered to train pilots for Britain similarly to the undertaking of the United States Army.

Colonel Knox understood that the initial contingent would number 3,000.

Colonel Knox also reported that the British had made no new requests for destroyers but were asking for all help possible in merchantmen transfers.

Cyprus Prepares For Assault

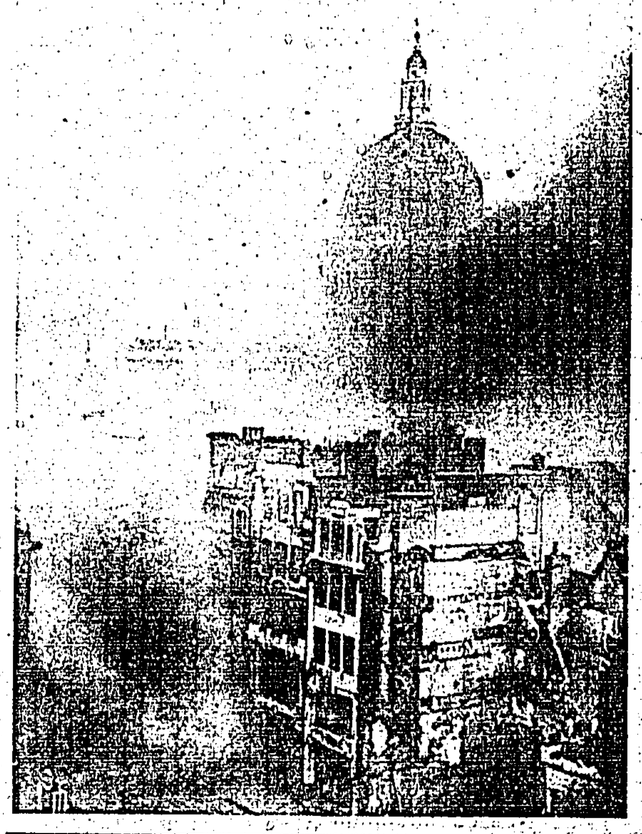
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NICOSIA, Cyprus, June 4 (UP).—Reports state that the populace of Cyprus is leaving for the countryside while British force are prepared to meet a possible German invasion.

The general belief is that the Germans will find Cyprus more difficult to conquer than Crete.

Not Bombs, But Dynamite

Big explosions have been shaking the City of London again, but not from Nazi bombs. It is part of the job of clearing up after a Nazi fire raid. Hundreds of Sappers and other workers are carrying out blasting operations and the walls of burnt-out buildings regarded as unsafe are blown sky high. This picture shows buildings being treated this way in the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral.



ENEMY CONVOY IS BROKEN UP

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—A "highly successful" aerial attack on an enemy convoy is recorded in the R.A.F. Middle East communique to-day.

It states: "As a result of reconnaissance carried out by Maryland aircraft, R.A.F. bombers yesterday attacked a convoy of enemy merchant vessels escorted by destroyers, which were proceeding southwards off the Tunisian coast.

R.A.F. Bomb Beirut

Petrol Dump Attacked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, June 4 (UP).—It is now revealed that the Royal Air Force has bombed Beirut, one of the principal Syrian ports.

The official statement on this action issued to-day is brief.

It merely states: "A petrol dump at Beirut in Syria was bombed and machine-gunned by our aircraft yesterday."

"One ship of about 8,000 tons blew up with such tremendous force that flying debris hit and damaged other ships in the convoy. Debris also struck one of our bombers which crashed into the sea.

"Direct hits were also registered on another ship of about 5,000 tons in the convoy and it was left ablaze with columns of smoke pouring from amidships.

"Other vessels were damaged.

Malta

"An Italian three-engined aircraft was shot down by our fighters into the sea at Malta. The crew were last seen on the wing of their aircraft.

"While on reconnaissance flight off the island of Cephalonia, one of our aircraft attacked an Italian seaplane which was taxiing on the water and destroyed it.

Cirenaica

"In Cirenaica, South African fighters machine-gunned a number of enemy aircraft on the landing ground at Gambut, destroying three.

"Benghazi was raided during the night of June 2-3 and large fires were started on the moles and among military buildings.

Abyssinia

"Enemy positions in Abyssinia, particularly at Debarech, were attacked.

"From all these operations, one of our aircraft is missing, in addition to the one mentioned above.

"Two aircraft reported missing in the communiques of June 2 and 3 are now known to have returned safely to their bases."

BELGIAN CONGO AND KENYA

NAIROBI, June 4 (Reuter).—The Governor of Kenya, Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, and his wife, have left for the Congo by air on an official visit to the Governor General, it is officially announced here.

U. S. NAVAL SHUFFLE

Transports Acquired

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has issued an executive order directing that an unspecified number of Coast Guard officers and enlisted men be transferred to help operate certain naval vessels.

Meanwhile the Maritime Commission has issued a list of 28 merchant vessels, including the liner, America, which have been acquired for the Army and Navy.

Nazi Terrorism Finds Its Way Into Greece

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—Ignoring German threats, the inhabitants of the Greek town of Levadia, 60 miles northwest of Athens, began unloading a goods train carrying supplies which had been seized in that area.

It is authoritatively learned here that the German Police opened fire and killed and wounded many persons, including women and children.

Following this incident, the German Kommandatur ordered the shooting of anybody attempting to approach goods trains or warehouses.

Emergency measures have been decreed in Athens and hundreds of citizens are being sent to courts-martial there to receive the death penalty.

Not Downhearted

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—Utter confidence in final victory is expressed by the Greek Prime Minister, Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos, in a message to the Greek people "because God and right are with us and Greece cannot die."

The message continues: "The struggle continues. At the side of our great Allies, Greek regiments, warships and aeroplanes are reorganising to fight the enemy wherever he may be in order to liberate Greece. One million Greeks scattered in the four corners of the world are collaborating with all their strength. Our one aim is to win. We shall win."

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

Photographic Contest Is Open to All This Year

Arrangements have now been completed for the holding of the Eleventh Annual Photographic Competition to be conducted by the "Hongkong Telegraph."

It has been necessary to restrict and revise the classes this year in order to comply with the Regulations relating to the carrying of cameras, and although this will eliminate one of the most fertile fields—land and sea-scapes, there will still be considerable scope for the exercise of originality on the part of competitors.

Section One will cover all phases of indoor photography, with the exception of portraiture, or studies of plants and flowers, which must be entered under the other sections. There is ample scope here for originality, such as domestic studies, pastimes, still life and table-top work, interior decoration, pictures of pets etc.

Section Two will cover every aspect of portraiture, and should provide an excellent opportunity for the increasingly popular photo-flood and photo-flash photograph.

Section Three, devoted to studies of plants and flowers offers a splendid opportunity for the exercise of the artistic faculty in either garden or interior studies. Flowers and plants have always been well represented in previous competitions.

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A total of $2,130,553.23 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd, with the following donations:

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Czechoslovak Committee (fifth donation) 275.20
Chinese Staff, Bata Shoe Co., Ltd. 44.50
Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C. per Mrs Simon White 7
Proceeds of Game, R.A.O. Depot, Ma Tau Kok 2.91
Mr I. H. C. Highet (fourth donation) 5
"Cent-a-day" Fund, Hok Un 0.17
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The following monthly donations to the War Fund were also received yesterday:

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Mr Surjin Singh 5
Mrs D. G. Frost 10
Mr Donald Black 25
Miss K. M. Anderson 50
Mr C. B. E. Berglof 20
Miss E. M. R. Buckland 10
Miss Norah Stone 25
Mr H. S. Beech 50
Mr M. F. L. Haymes 50
Mr T. G. Evans 20
Mr John Fant 30
Major H. G. Robertson 5
Prof. & Mrs L. R. Shore 50
Mr David Wilson 30
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The Building Fund Committee of the School for the Deaf gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China, $3,000; the Hon. Mr and Mrs M. K. Lo, $200; Dr C. W. Lee, $100; Miss D. Shilston, $55; Miss D. M. Pope, $30; Miss Mabel Fan, $20; Mr Kwok, $50; Miss E. Wise, $30; Mr Eu Tong-sen, $2,000; Mr M. K. Lo, $100; the Hon. Mr Li Tse-fong, $100; Mr Ho Kam-tong, $100; Chinese Charities Fund, $1,000; Sir Robert Ho Tung, $500, Mr T. N Chau, $100; Mr Tang Shiu-kin $50; Mr Ngan Shing-kwan $50; Mr P. N. Chung, $20; His Excellency, Sir Geoffry Northcote, $150; Mr J. E. Joseph $500; Mr Kan Tung-po, $100; Bank of East Asia, $500; Bank of Canton, $500; China Emporium, $100; Staff of China Emporium, $50; Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co., $500; Miss L. Hollis, $5; Dr A. Cydenham, 5; Mr and Mrs Goodban, $10; Mrs N. L. Smith, $20; Miss E. M. Gray, $50; Mr Angus, $5; Mr Jappe, $2; Mr Wells, $2.50; Sales per Mr and Mrs Wells, $0.50; Mr S. M. Churn, $100; Anonymous, $41; Rev. and Mrs E. Moreton, $10. Total, $12,102.

Donations may be sent either to the Principal of the School, 57, Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City, or to Mr M. K. Lo.

REFUGEE SCHOOLS

The Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation of $3,328.53 to the Refugee Camp Schools from the National Relief Commission of China.

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Headquarters gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following donations, which have been credited to the Annual Appeal for 1941:

Previously acknowledged, $8,334; Mr M. K. Lo $20; Messrs Davie, Boag & Co., Ltd, $50; Banque de l'Indo Chine, $25; Mr L. C. Baker, $10; Messrs Dodwell & Co., Ltd, $50; Messrs Thomson & Co., $30. Total $8,539.

The *S. C. M. Post* has received the following donations to the Salvation Army Food Kitchen:

In memory of the late Mrs Dorothy H. Crofton: Clifford and Pamela, $50.

In memory of the late Mr R. Brown: Mr and Mrs H. W. Fraser, $3.

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Donations for the following Organisations await collection at the office of the *S. C. M. Post*: Emergency Refugee Council; London Lord Mayor's Fund; Associacao Portuguesa de Soccorros Mutuos; B.F.R.D.C.; B.W.O.F. British Prisoners of War Fund.

The Philippine Clipper has been further delayed by the unfavourable weather conditions in Manila, and is now expected to arrive here tomorrow.

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The SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on **Thursday, 10th July, 1941**, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the **11th June to the 25th June, 1941**, both day inclusive.

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4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	—
30 d/s India	84⅝
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03¼

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers

Union Ins. $405
H.K. Fire Ins. $176
Indo-China (Pref) $80
Docks $14.70
Providents $5.05
Hotels $2.85
Lands $31
Lights "O" $5.80
Lights "N" $1.20
Cements $13
Ropes $6.75
Entertainments $6.25

Sales

Providents $5.07½/5.10
Electrics Rts $11
Telephones "O" $22
Cements $13.25
Ropes $6.90
Watsons $9.60

Aiding China's Blinded Soldiers

CHUNGKING, June 4 (Central News).—Mr Hermann Becker of the Famine Orphanages and Evangelistic Bands in Chihkiang, Hunan, who has been a missionary in China for over 30 years, is helping about 300 Chinese soldiers who have lost their sight to read and write. He has secured the services of two teachers to teach them the Mandarin Braille Union System.

Mr Becker, care of the China Inland Mission, Chihkiang, Hunan, will be glad to receive any books which have been printed in the Mandarin Braille Union System for use of the blind soldiers.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 9th day of June, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Puchase price.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 **Artie Shaw and His Orchestra.**

1 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 **Songs by Bing Crosby.**

1.10 **Hawaiian Music.**

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 **The London Theatre Orchestra with Peggy Wood (Vocal).**

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 **Indian Programme.**

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 **Dance Music.**

7—London Relay—The News.

7.15 **London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."**

7.30 **Variety.**

8 Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 **Banjo Music.**

Banjo Favourites—Intro: Stein Song; Valencia; Toy Drum Major.... Raymonde and His Band o' Banjos; Keyboard Kapers (Steele)....Mario de Pietro; Whistling Rufus (Mills); Temptation Rag (Lodge)....Raymonde and His Band o' Banjos.

8.15 **Studio—Local Newsletter.**

8.30 **Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor).**

Hungarian Csardas of George Nagy (Karoly); You are the Fellow, friend Tykody; My little velvet Hat; Oh! How long it seems....Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra; Can I Forget You (film "High, Wide and Handsome"); Sympathy (film "Firefly")....Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; The Last Drops—Waltz (Kratzl); The Blue Danube—Waltz (Joh. Strauss)....Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra; Indian Love Lyrics—Kashmiri Song (Hope—Woodforde-Finden); Till I Wake (Hope—Woodforde-Finden)......Richard Tauber (Tenor) with piano; Bihari Waltzes (Bihari)....Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

9 **London Relay—The News and News Commentary.**

9.15 **Verdi's "La Traviata" Act III.**

9.45-10 **News in French (on Short Wave only).**

9.45 **De Falla—"Three Cornered Hat" Suite.**

The Neighbours—The Miller's Dance—Final Dance....New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr Malcolm Sargent.

10 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

10.15 **Bach's Unaccompanied Sonata No. 3 in C Major and Two Piano Concerto in C Major.**

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin); Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and Karl Ulrich Schnabel (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

11 Close Down.

BRITISH PEACE AIMS APPROVED

LONDON, June 4 (UP).—The Labour Conference to-day endorsed the British peace aims by a memorandum vote of 2,413,000 to 30,000. The memorandum was issued exclusively from the domestic angle, avoiding all reference to international affairs, and proclaiming the intention to work for Socialism in Britain after the war.

Exploit Of Indian Manned Sloop In Red Sea Islands

SIMLA, June 4 (Reuter).—A sloop of the Royal Indian Navy was responsible for the capture of two Italian islands off Massawa and a small party from the same vessel chased and finally captured a party of Italian soldiers, including a Brigadier General and a Colonel, who tried to escape in a dhow.

A dispatch received here states that the R.I.N. sloop, commanded by an officer from Poona, who is the first Indian to hold a commission in the R.N.R., was ordered after the fall of Massawa to clean up the islands of Nocra and Dahlak, where the Italians were still in occupation.

Reinforced by three officers and 12 other ranks, the sloop proceeded to Nocra, where 900 Italians, Germans and Eritreans capitulated without the semblance of a fight.

A number of Abyssinian political prisoners were rescued from the island.

Desperate Party

Receiving information here that a party of Federales, well-armed and determined to resist to the death, had made off into the interior of the island of Dahlak, a party from the sloop, consisting of a political officer, two deck officers, two ratings, four soldiers and two guides set out to intercept the Federales.

After a long search across the sand dunes, they were unable to find the enemy but later the Italians were reported to have put to sea in a dhow in an effort to escape to the Yemen mainland across the Red Sea.

Pursuit In Dhow

The search party immediately commandeered a fast dhow and set off in pursuit. About noon the enemy was sighted and the R.I.N. party brought a machine-gun and four rifles to bear on the fleeing dhow.

The enemy surrendered without a fight. The "bag" included a Brigadier-General and a Colonel.

This adventure, the dispatch adds, was only one of many bold and skilful operations undertaken by the Royal Indian Navy during the naval co-operation with the Imperial land forces in the overthrow of Italian power in Eritrea.

Other Operation

These ships helped to open the coast road from Port Sudan leading down to Massawa, transported Indian, French, British and African troops to Mersa Taklai, improvised an operational base on the coast of Eritrea, continued to ensure an adequate supply of munitions, food and water to the troops and removed many hundred Italian prisoners as ballast on the return trips.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,315 n.
H.K. Banks £	75½ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	70 n.
Chartered £	8⅞ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23⅞ n.
Mercantile C. £	11¼ n.
East Asia $	71 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons $	220 n.
Union $	405 n.
China Underwriters $	1 n.
H. K. Fire $	176 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $	128 n.
Steamboats $	8 n
Indo-Chinas P. $	80 b
Indo-Chinas D. $	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	40/- n.
Waterboats $	6.55 n
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	86 n.
Docks $	14.70 b.
Provident $	5.10 sa.
S'hai Dockyards $	25¼ n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	11 n.
Raubs $	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1¼ cts. n
LANDS	
Hotels $	2.85 b.
Lands $	31 b
Lands 4% Debentures	97½ n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	13.90 n.
Humphreys $	6.40 n.
H.K. Realties $	2.70 b.
Chinese Estates $	90 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	15.05 b.
Peak Trams (old) $	x.d. 7 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	x.d. 3¼ n.
Star Ferries $	51¾ n.
Y. Ferries $	21.35 n.
China Lights (old) $	5.80 b.
China Lights (new) $	1½ n.
H.K. Electric (old) x rts $	22 n.
H.K. Electrics (new) $	20.85 b.
H.K. Electrics Rts $	11 sa.
Macao Electrics $	18½ b. & sa.
Sandakan Lights $ x.d.	11.60 n.
Telephones (old) $	22 sa.
Telephones (new) $	9¼ n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	30 n.
Cald: Mack. (Pref.), Sh. $	25 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	13¼ sa.
H.K. Ropes $	6.90 b. & sa.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms $	17¼ s.
Watsons $	9.60 sa.
Lane Crawfords $	7¼ n.
Sinceres $	2.15 n
Wing On (H.K.) $	39 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1½ n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	34¼ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	265 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1934)	94½ n.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	20 n.
Entertainments $	6¼ b
Constructions (old) $	1.60 n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	7.20 n
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	0/3 n
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/1½ n.

The exhibition of arts and crafts by Hongkong Schools, arranged by the Education Department, which opened yesterday, will be continued to-day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is a wide range of exhibits, and demonstrations and explanations are being provided by students.

Free French & British Attitude To Syria

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—Foreign reports of the presence of General de Gaulle in Jerusalem at the head of a Free French force are not officially confirmed in either Free French or British quarters in London, but they serve to emphasise the identity of interests between Free France and Britain in the Syrian question as in other matters.

Since General de Gaulle returned to Cairo about 11 days ago to be in close touch with developments in Syria and elsewhere, there has been no further news of his movements until to-day.

Meanwhile, the reported decision of the Vichy Government to defend the French Empire "single-handed" is significant in several ways.

The announcement seems to be designed to meet the charges which are being increasingly heard inside France that the French are not masters in their own house and the fact that such an announcement is thought necessary at present may doubtless be taken as a measure of the dissatisfaction felt in France and in the French Empire at Vichy's policy.

Subtle Designs

The phrase "single-handed" is doubtless German-inspired. It would pay the Germans well to lure the Vichy forces into single-handed hostilities while the German Army made its preparations leisurely and then make a dramatic entry at a propitious moment. But whatever phrases Vichy employs, the fact remains that her troops can fight only with German-made arms made in French factories now under German control.

Further reports from France of increasing attacks by night on German forces in Occupied France seem to suggest increasing dissatisfaction among loyal Frenchmen at German control there.

Morocco & Syria

The knowledge that German military activity is in full flood both in Morocco and Syria will certainly do little to allay this resentment.

Evening papers in London emphasise that the testing time in the Mediterranean is drawing near. The "Star" declares. "The stage is set for a mighty struggle on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean. The Axis strategy is to strike down through Syria and Palestine on one side and from Libya on the other.

"Reverses in Greece and Crete should not make us forget that we owe the chief successes of our arms in this war to General Wavell's skill.

Testing Time Near

"The testing time is drawing nearer. The valour and quality of our fighting men have been proved in many fierce encounters against heavy odds. The least they deserve is every support in machines and equipment that our workshops can give them, coupled with the resolve on the part of our High Command to abandon all old-fashioned notions of strategy, tactics and technique.

"The Germans are likely to stake everything on a decision this summer before American help becomes an avalanche. Hitler is thinking in terms of total war, of a lightning war and of 100 per cent. effort. Our watchword must be "All Out!""

U.S.A. Will Approve

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—There is no doubt that whatever steps Britain is forced to take in Syria she will have the whole-hearted approval of the United States as press and public continue their denunciation of the Darlan policy.

In a trenchant editorial, the "Washington Post" says that if Darlan's remarks mean anything, France is prepared not only to kiss the rod which beat her but to wield it against the nation to which her people must look for their salvation.

It goes on to say that Hitlerism is America's declared enemy and that France cannot be a friend of Germany and also of the United States.

Significance Of Winant Report

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—The veil of secrecy which has shrouded the visit to Washington of Mr John G. Winant, the United States Ambassador to Britain, was partly lifted this evening when Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said at a press conference that the state of international danger to the United States was the subject of his conference with Mr Winant yesterday.

He added that they spent much time going over the United States policy generally in relation to the international situation.

Mr Winant is expected to confer again with President Roosevelt to-day.

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The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th May............June 5.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, June 10............June 17.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Thursday, June 5

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K. P. O.
Reg. ....June 5, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. ....June 5, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.
Reg. ....June 5, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. ....June 5, 7.00 p.m.

Friday, June 6

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. ....June 6, 4 p.m.
Ord. ....June 6, 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.
Reg. ....June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....June 17, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. ....June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....June 17, 7 p.m.

Exhibition

Charities To Be Aided By Chinese Woman Artist

An exhibition by Miss Li Pui-ming, of Gin Ling College, of Chinese paintings and calligraphy, will be held at the Hotel Cecil from today, until and including June 10, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The proceeds of sale of the paintings and Chinese writing will be donated for war relief and the free education of poor children in the Sze Yap District.

The paintings comprise animal studies such as tigers, a leopard, wolf, and birds and flowers.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE — How to Play AND How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Two Chances Instead of One

THERE is one combination of cards that consistently escapes the attention of almost all players. That is the A-Q-9 of a suit. Usually, this holding produces two tricks when a successful finesse can be made to the queen. But there is another possibility—illustrated in the hand shown below—and I heartily commend it to my readers' attention.

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

	♠ K Q 7 6 4 3 ♡ 8 5 ◇ 10 7 ♣ 8 6 4	
♠ J ♡ K 6 3 ◇ K J 5 2 ♣ A K 7 5 3	N W E S	♠ — ♡ J 10 7 4 2 ◇ Q 9 6 4 3 ♣ Q J 2
	♠ A 10 9 8 5 2 ♡ A Q 9 ◇ A 8 ♣ 10 9	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Dble.	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North's bid was a stretch, but not illogical considering his fear of any bid from the opponents.

West opened the club king, and East followed suit with the queen. The ace of clubs was cashed, and a third round played, which South ruffed. A low spade lead to the queen cleared up the trump situation, and a heart was then played to the queen. West won and, mentally tossing a coin between a heart and diamond return, chose the former. Declarer could not avoid the loss of a diamond for the setting trick.

Declarer had overlooked a splendid opportunity. After taking out the opponents' only trump he should have seen there was no hurry about the heart finesse. The logical play was to lead a heart from dummy and to play the nine from the closed hand. As it happened, West would have had to use his heart king on the nine and the contract would have become a laydown. But even if West had been able to win with a minor honour, he still would have had to guess whether to return a heart or a diamond. The former, of course, would relieve declarer of any worry. True, if the nine lost to the ten and a diamond were returned, then if declarer entered dummy and finessed to the heart queen and lost, he would go down an extra trick, but surely that extra fifty points could have no bearing on the best way to play the hand. Finesses, necessary or not, should be deferred as long as possible.

To-morrow's Hand

Match-point duplicate.
South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ A K ♡ A 8 4 3 ◇ K 8 6 5 3 ♣ J 6	
♠ Q 10 8 5 3 ♡ 6 5 2 ◇ 10 2 ♣ 9 8 7	N W E S	♠ J 7 6 4 ♡ Q J ◇ 9 7 4 ♣ A 5 4 2
	♠ 9 2 ♡ K 10 9 7 ◇ A Q J ♣ K Q 10 3	

How should South play his six heart contract. Opening lead a club.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

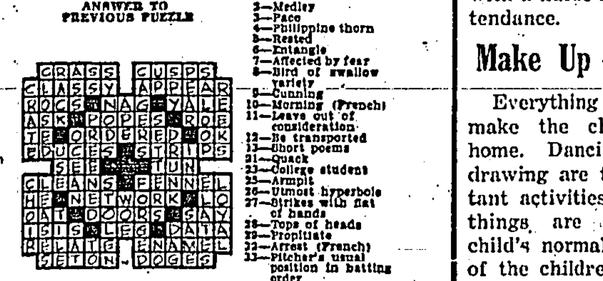
ACROSS

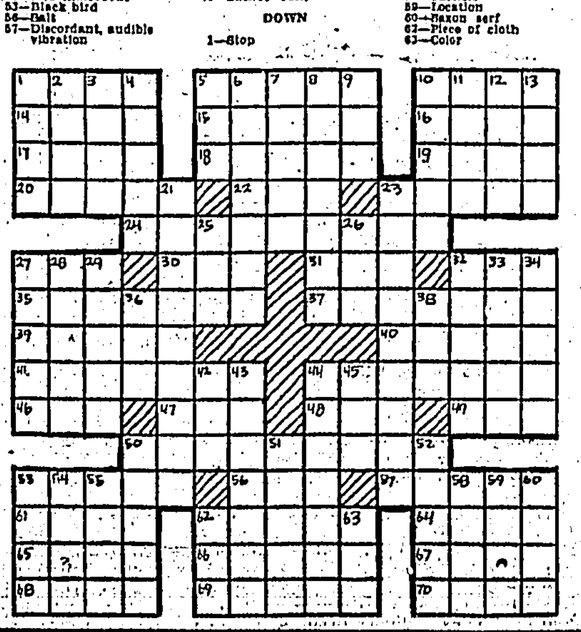
1—Inviter of guests
5—Stalks
10—Philippine native
14—Combining form: high
15—Of open space
16—Among
17—Legal claim of property
18—Remain in same place
19—Natural drift
20—Theme for discussion
22—Kind of glove
23—Refers to specifically
24—Kind of lizard
27—Mineral spring
30—Alcoholic drink
31—Addition to house
32—Termite
34—Sidewise
37—Winged sandals of Mercury (Latin)
39—Ring-shaped coral island
40—Receives as recompense
41—Overhanging
44—Remembers with longing
46—Point of compass
47—Pedal digit
48—First name of "Arabian Nights" character
49—Definite article
50—Red chalcedony
53—Black bird
56—Bait
57—Discordant, audible vibration
61—Presage
62—Strict
64—Most proficient (col.)
65—Six and four (pl.)
66—Necessary item of bowling equipment
67—English public school
68—Prefix: before
69—Aquatic birds
70—Satisfy fully

DOWN

1—Stop
2—Medley
3—Pace
4—Philippine thorn
5—Rested
6—Entangle
7—Affected by fear
8—Kind of swallow
9—Cunning
10—Morning (French)
11—Leave out of consideration
12—Be transported
13—Short poems
21—Quack
23—College student
25—Armpit
26—Utmost hyperbole
27—Strikes with flat of hands
28—Tops of heads
29—Propitiate
32—Arrest (French)
33—Pitcher's usual position in batting order
34—Small cup (French)
36—Antiquity
38—River in Switzerland
42—And not
43—Pertaining to pulling
44—Summons up
45—Yale
50—Perfume with incense
51—Ten dollar coin
52—Short letters
53—Musical instrument
54—To be it
55—Breather hole
58—Particle
59—Location
60—Saxon serf
62—Piece of cloth
63—Color

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE





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War-Shocked Children Get a New Start

In a recuperation centre at Hampstead, four miles from London, 40 of the most pathetic child victims of bomb warfare are being given a second chance at normal childhood. The centre is run by Anna Freud, daughter of the late Sigmund Freud, originator of psycho-analysis. It is a home and a clinic.

To the children who live there, the war was only one more trouble in an already troubled world. They are children from London's poorest families, and life was difficult even before the bombs came. Most of the children were brought to the centre by social workers who found them in hospitals or shelters. Many are physically ill, all of them emotionally upset.

The centre is housed in a three-storey, ivy-covered building that was formerly a private house. The furnishings are bright and cheerful and the rooms are arranged so that mothers sometimes can stay with their children. Although Hampstead is a quiet suburban community, it is not overlooked during air raids; so the cellar of the house has been made into a bomb shelter with a nurse in permanent attendance.

Make Up War Games

Everything is planned to make the children feel at home. Dancing, singing and drawing are the most important activities because these things are part of every child's normal play and most of the children are too nervous to concentrate on anything more demanding. Too often the drawings and games which the children devise for themselves have to do with war and bombing. Anna Freud gives them new games to play.

Many of the mothers, their lives disordered by war and poverty, need help as much as the children. The centre tries to give them jobs so that they can be near their children.

Anna Freud's staff is well equipped to help her. Most of them were with her in her clinic in Vienna and, like her, are refugees. They are working to prevent more cases like the little Spanish boy who is so badly shocked that he is unable to dress himself or to speak. He has to be led about and he stares blankly at a world he doesn't understand.

Anna Freud's work is a small drop in a big bucket but it's a very important drop. Her studies will form a basis for scientific attempts to make useful citizens out of uprooted, war-shocked children.

Supported By Americans

The centre costs $500 a month and is supported by the American division of the Foster Parent Plan.

The Foster Parent Plan was organised by the author, J. B. Priestley, during the Spanish War. The object of the Plan was to take care of children made homeless by the war, and its first colonies were in Spain. When Republican Spain was defeated, the Plan moved children and colonies—to—France. When France fell, it moved again, this time to England. The Plan operates eight children's colonies in England. It takes care of 4,000 children and will take others as fast as it can.

The money comes from "foster parents"—people who agree to pay $10 a month for the support of an "adopted" child. Ten dollars doesn't sound like much, but with careful planning and bulk buying it does a surprising lot. This kind of fund raising has two advantages. People give more easily to support a specific child and it is good for the child to feel that some one is interested in him personally.

Originally the Plan's supporters were people of all nationalities. Now, though, almost all the money comes from the U. S. A. The American division of the Plan has sent $91,718 to England since the war began.

Too Scared To Smile

The Plan hopes to open two new colonies in England soon. One of them will be run by Anna Freud, putting 60 more children in her care—if 60 more foster parents can be found.

One of the most pathetic children is four-year-old Rosemary Redgrave. She and her mother lost their small flat in one of London's worst bombings. Rosemary had been in a hospital suffering from hysteria before her mother and a social worker brought her to Anna Freud. Her mother, too upset to talk, begged the social worker to answer Miss Freud's questions for her. She didn't want to leave the child, but she realised that Rosemary needed a doctor's help.

Rosemary walks in a curious way, due to her nervous condition. She has a sad little face with big eye-glasses, behind which she squints badly and probably unnecessarily. She is very much underweight. She wants to be friendly, tries to smile, but more often bursts into tears. Rosemary wants to cooperate, but at the moment her difficulties are too great for her. She will need a lot of special care and loving treatment.

—Ann Henry

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"I'm taking the valuable things in the taxi—You can ride with the movers!"

Poles Sold Like Slaves In Austria

POLISH labourers are being put up to auction and bought and sold in the public market like slaves, according to reliable information reaching London.

Scenes reminiscent of the Middle Ages are taking place daily in Graz, Klagenfurt, Wolfberg, and other parts of Austria to which the labourers are forcibly transported in droves of 50 to 500.

The victims are exposed publicly to the view of representatives of the German labour office and local farmers, who compete with each other for the best bargain.

Successful bidders have to make a symbolic payment of fifteen marks to the "Winter Help" or "Soldiers Comforts Fund."

Poles working in Austria wear a large letter P on their clothes. They may not go to church, cinema, theatre, restaurant or public meeting.

Jews in Cracow were told they must leave "voluntarily." By August last 35,000 had gone. Then 32,000 more were compulsorily evacuated.

The 14,000 left have been moved to a ghetto in the suburbs—the identical place in which their ancestors, fleeing from Germany, found refuge 625 years ago.

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"Where are you going with that axe?"

"*I'm going to do a little deforestation, Bertie. There's a tree outside I've taken a dislike to. I shall fell it with one fell swoop.*"

"Rather early in the morning for tree felling, isn't it?"

"*The early woodcutter gets the first tree, you know. Besides — it's an ugly tree. There is something offensive about that tree. Come to think of it, it rather reminds me of you, Bertie.*"

"Well — I must confess I didn't expect to see you chopping trees this morning *and* smoking a whacking big black cheroot. Not after last night . . ."

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"I merely marvel at your powers of recovery."

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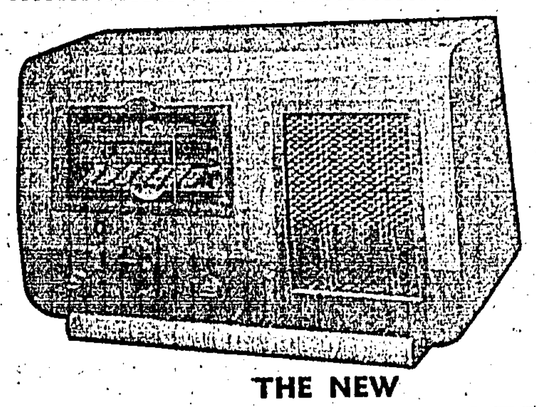

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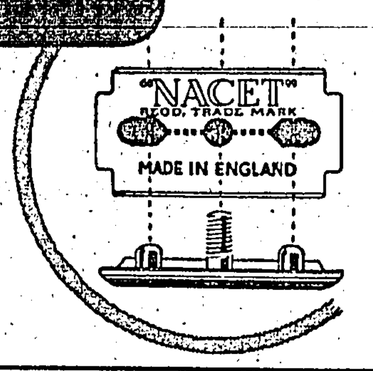

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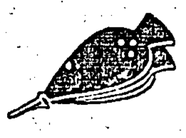

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GLANCE AT SYRIA

THERE seems to be no doubt that the next phase of military operations will decide the fate of Syria, the French-controlled Arab state which breaks the Allied front in the eastern Mediterranean.

Turkey, whose own destiny is intimately wrapped up with this anticipated action is making appeals for Britain to move which sound almost desperate. Well the Turks know that if the Nazis establish themselves in Syria as they have already done on the former Turkish-Greece border Turkey is likely to become another Sweden—a country with nominal independence only until such time as Hitler has time or the inclination to assert full sovereignty over it.

Considering that as recently as 634 A.D. Syria was part of the Roman Empire it is surprising that Italy has not already made claims to incorporate the territory. For four centuries until the end of the Great War the country was part of the Ottoman Empire. It was then handed over to French mandate and, following Great Britain's example when independence was granted Iraq, the French concluded a treaty with the Syrian and Lebanese republics in 1936 under which full independence would be granted to the Arab states in three years.

Syria, however, is not a homogeneous ethnic state, the population including Arabs, Turks, Armenians and Christian Lebanese. The French divided the country into five regions roughly according to racial borders. These were Arab-Syria, Christian Lebanon, the semi-nomadic Jebel Druse, the coastal territory of Latakia and the Sanjak of Alexandretta. The last named had also a special status with its important position on the border of Turkey and its mixed population. Full independence in 1940 would have left the former Ottoman Empire colony divided into four separate republics, but the treaty was never fulfilled because France feared to lose her hold in the Middle East.

An early problem was that of the Sanjak of Alexandretta now called Hatay, which, thanks to Turkish persistence, was ceded to her just before the outbreak of war by the French who had experienced considerable opposition to their mandate there—as indeed they have throughout all Syria.

The Arab world has no love for the French and, it must be admitted, little for the Turks. Britain's record is much brighter, especially of recent years and brutality, intolerance and pride have never marred our relations with the Arabs. Syria has been ruled by decree since July, 1939, when the Arab President of Syria resigned because of the impossibility of forming a stable government while the Franco-Syrian treaty was unfulfilled.

The Germans may well offer Syria complete independence over Vichy's head on condition of their co-operation against Britain but it is doubtful if the Arab leaders would fall for this guile. A bold move by Britain now may well anticipate the enemy's plans before they can fructify and thus keep clean what will otherwise be a very bloody page in Syria's history.

Coastal Command has flown— 25 million war miles

MY visit to the great hive of activity which comprises the administrative and operational side of the Coastal Command was an illuminating experience.

I saw harmonious and efficient co-operation between the Command and the Admiralty.

A place in this headquarters is also allotted to the Army, for liaison duties, which will become really active if we have to repel or undertake an invasion.

At the head of the Command is Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill, a hardy ex-naval officer and sailing-master, and an artist in the handling of men and affairs.

He has reaped to the full the reward of all the hard work he put into the preparation of his Command for war. We all remember with gratitude how instantly and perfectly the Coastal Command went into action in September, 1939.

It had to meet the first of the phases into which this war divided itself—and, to those who have studied these changes, it has been satisfying to observe how quickly and thoroughly each new phase has been dealt with.

To enter the great new central room and to see on its walls the vast mass of information which springs to the eye, is to understand how closely and with what supreme efficiency our whole great sea plan is controlled.

Vast Sweep

The area of this plan, which extends from the northernmost extremities of Norway to the Straits of Gibraltar, vividly brings home the vast sweep of air power.

Movements of ships and aircraft—British, Allied, neutral and enemy—are plotted.

Constant consultations take place on the steps which may be necessary to deal with any situation.

The planning is done in each case by expert members of the services.

It almost made one sorry for our enemy to see the toils of intelligence — thinking machine—enmeshing him in its destructive grip.

On the staff of the Coastal Command are experienced submarine commanders and active sea officers from surface ships, all taking their part and collaborating in the planning and thinking brain of the Coastal Command.

They are continuously thinking up and devising fresh schemes to defeat each fresh move of our active and often courageous enemy.

To realise how hard this thinking organisation must have been worked, it is only necessary to recall how, phase by phase, the war from the sea point of view has steadily become more difficult for us to deal with.

This difficulty has been caused by the gradual increase of coastal areas in Europe held by the enemy.

In the first phase, when the enemy was confined to the pre-war German frontiers, their only sea exits were from the Heligoland Bight and the entrances to the Baltic.

During this period we were able to control the exits and entrances, not only of their submarines, but also of their surface ships.

Raiders Foiled

I believe it to be a fact that the Germans made a number of attempts to get out surface raiders but were foiled by the vigilance of the Coastal Command, working in every instance in conjunction with the Navy.

The second phase of the war came when the Germans took over Denmark and invaded Norway.

This phase, although giving them much wider sea entrances to the Atlantic, still remained very much under our control until they had started really to establish themselves in Norway.

The third phase, when the enemy overran Holland, Belgium and France; added to our difficulties enormously.

From now on, it was quite impossible to cover closely all the enemy's sea exits to the Atlantic.

Fourth Phase

The fourth phase, which is now in being, is of course the most difficult of all, because the enemy has established and organised his bases of operation throughout the whole western coast of Europe with the exception of Spain and Portugal.

Looking back on the history of the war, it is most remarkable how, without dismay, the Admiralty and the Coastal Command have accepted in their stride the increasing difficulty of the situation with which they have been faced.

This command has three main functions: to assist the Admiralty in the blockade of the enemy; to defeat the enemy by countering their attempt to blockade us; and to safeguard this country from surprise invasion.

To enable them to achieve these needs, the command is divided into groups corresponding and working closely with the naval commands.

It has also a training group, because its specialised and diversified duties require a training which is additional to that normally given by the Royal Air Force.

These groups control stations which are located all round the coasts of England and Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Western Isles, Shetlands, Iceland and Gibraltar.

The duties of this ring of stations entail convoy protection, sea reconnaissance, enemy harbour reconnaissance, anti-submarine patrols by day and night, aircraft patrols for enemy aircraft, attacks on enemy shipping and naval land targets, photography, both over the sea and over the land near the sea, protection of the fishing fleets and lightships from air attack, mine-laying, and torpedo dropping.

They employ all types of boat aircraft—the Sunderland, the Lerwick and the Stranraer; long-range bombers, such as the American Hudson; and various other types of bombers and fighters for special jobs.

They are now being reinforced by the American P.B.Y. flying-boats and Flying Fortresses.

Web-Footed

One of the most important functions of the Command Headquarters is to appraise the standard of navigational training and seamanship which its personnel reach before it allows them to take a part in actual operations.

They have to be experts in the special subjects of coding, ship recognition and visual signalling, besides the widest possible knowledge of seamanship in all its forms.

They have also to be picked for their endurance because of the length of their patrols, which may extend up to 12 to 15 hours.

As they put it in the Command: "They must become web-footed."

An interesting sidelight on the strenuous job of the flying personnel of this command is that they regard the ferrying of new bombers across the Atlantic as a pleasant rest.

The command must have the greatest confidence in the navigating skill of its personnel, as normally the boats or aeroplanes when out on patrol have to maintain a wireless silence to prevent the enemy from knowing they are in their vicinity.

This means that their dead reckoning and astronomical navigational standards must be very high.

Greatest Problem

The greatest problem the command has to deal with is the convoy problem. To be able to cope with it they have to know exactly where each ship is and where each of our submarines is.

The same applies to the enemy submarines, if possible. It is one long fight between the air—backed by the Navy—and the enemy U-boat.

The main purpose of the Coastal Command is more to inform the Navy of the position of the enemy U-boat than actually to attempt itself to destroy the enemy—although in many cases it has successfully gone into action.

Normally, the Air Force provides the information, and the Navy the bite.

In actual fact, the coastal aircraft had carried out by the end of 1940 over 198 attacks on U-boats, having sighted and reported them 274 times.

During the same period they had carried out 104 attacks on enemy warships, and 277 attacks on enemy merchant vessels.

To do this they had to fly 161,000 hours, which represents a distance of about 25,000,000 miles, or nearly a third of the distance to the sun.

During this time they have convoyed over 2,000 convoys, containing more than 40,000 ships and totalling about 200,000,000 tons.

As a variation from the U-boat menace, the Germans are now more and more intensively developing the use of their Focke-Wulf Condor long-range bombers for attacking our shipping.

At present these bombers are not such a serious threat as the U-boat because they are not used in very large numbers, but they could easily become so if uncountered.

Our Life-Line

The defeat of these craft is a problem which is very actively engaging the thinking brain of the Coastal Command, and no doubt they will be more and more efficiently countered as time goes on.

There is always a counter to every form of offence.

In our Bomber Command we cannot operate under conditions of widespread fog, but in the Coastal Command the need for convoying and for reconnaissance never ceases, and the result has been that the Coastal Command has had to operate in all weathers.

I believe it to be true that only for seven hours on one day since the war started has no Coastal aircraft been air-borne.

This gives some measure of the service our active flying personnel are giving their country, and also of the strain on not only the C.-in-C. but all his Staff.

Yet to meet any of these men is to realise that they are thriving on, and enjoying, their testing and very fruitful lives.

If our life-line, the Atlantic sea route, were to be cut, we should be defeated. Therefore, it is no exaggeration to say that on their efficiency and endurance rests the continuity of the British Empire.

In these qualities we can have full confidence.

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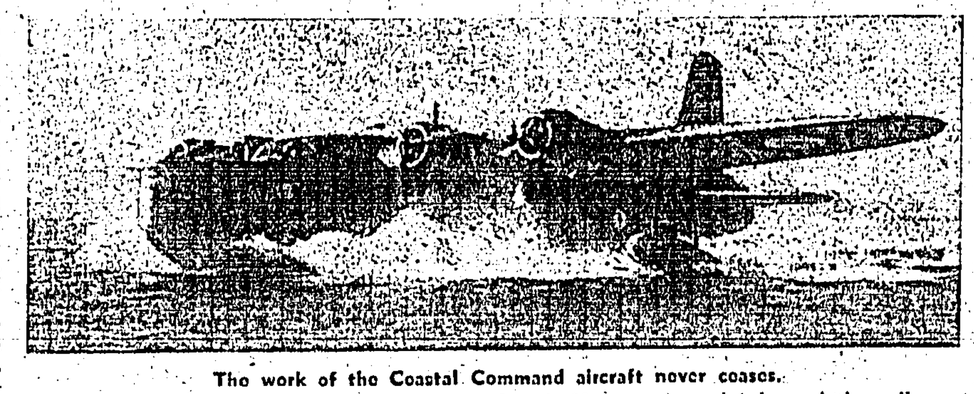

The work of the Coastal Command aircraft never ceases.

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Private Life of a Private

The Meaning Of "Jankers"

Another instalment of one of the most popular and widely-copied features in wartime journalism. The author, a writer now in the Army, gives readers intimate glimpses of life in the ranks to-day.

TWO mornings ago, when Reveille sounded, an extraordinary thing happened.

The youth whom we call Dozy leapt out of bed with a muffled shriek, and dragged on his fatigue overalls; crammed his boots chockful of feet; slapped a cap on his head, and was out of the hut like streak.

Now Dozy is a man whom nothing seems to arouse. He can sleep like a two-toed sloth. His brain scarcely functions before eleven o'clock, when soup is served.

Dozy is what Sergeants call an Idle Man.

* * *

WE looked at one another. A bugle sounded. Defaulters:—

You can be a Defaulter as long as you like.

As long as you answer your name.

Then the Lad from the Elephant and Castle said: "Ain't you 'eard? 'E's got Jankers!"

Jankers is an army word which means Confinement to Barracks.

The Tall Boy from Sunderland said to a Sergeant: "Exayuctly what hiayuppens when you get C.B.?"

"Nothing much," said the Sergeant. "It means to say you're confined to barracks. Dozy's got five days now.

"And for ten days after that he loses his privileges—can't be out after ten o'clock.

"Then begain old Dozy'll do drills in marching order; every afternoon.

"He'll be inspected by the officer, and if he isn't property cleaned up and dug out, he'll be for it.

"You see, it just won't pay him to be idle. He'll have to liven his ideas up or he'll be in trouble all the time."

"But," said the Lad, "Just say 'e don't care. Say 'e simply keeps on taking it, and coming on parade just any old 'ow, and missing parades. What 'ap pens?"

"What happens?" said the Sergeant. "Why if he keeps on being idle, and insubordinate, and dirty—why, then, he'll probably go to the Glass House for twenty-eight days."

* * *

"IS that where people live who mustn't throw stones?" asked the Good Boy from Godalming.

"It's the Military Prison," said the Sergeant. "You go there for detention.

"You get hard work, dirty fatigues, real honest-to-God chasings on the Square several hours a day, no smoking, no time to yourself, and you do everything at the double.

"I've seen soldiers go in the Glass House like lions and come out like lambs.

"Punishments, in the ordinary run of things, are designed simply to liven you up—like C.B.—to bend you, fairly gently, to the required shape. But if you don't bend—why, you break.

"Now, then, Ginger, get them blankets straight or you'll drop a big one on Room Inspection!"

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GINGER rearranges his blankets; and Dozy returns.

It seems to some of us that his leaden eyes are a little brighter—more alert—the eyes of a man who is listening, expecting something he dares not miss.

Hitler's Doom Foretold By Chinese Soothsayer

Local Chinese circles are busy discussing the latest astrological forecast which has originated in Macao. These forecasts have in the past proved remarkably accurate, according to Chinese sources, and the vernacular press has made play with the latest manifestation.

It appears that Chinese soothsayer in Macao succeeded, after five attempts, in inducing a spirit to descend, who called himself the "Yuen Kung Tsz" (Philosopher of Mysterious Space). In response to a question about the situation in Europe and the Far East, the spirit induced a Chinese rhyme, of which the following is a free translation:

Underneath the Sea-king's Star,
Men in myriads suffer war.
Ten years' luck is on the wane;
Summer comes to bring him bane.
Serpent Year, the jar is shattered;
Pillar fall in ruin scattered.
Year of Horse, the tale's complete,
Death'n Black River at his feet.
Then his Guiding Star shall fade,
Ram and Blade! Ram and Blade!
Mysterious is Heaven's way
Fate that South and East doth sway
When the weak and starving Horse
Stumbles in its onward course
Eastern men shall see their error
And the world have peace from terror.

Disaster For Hitler

Astrologers say that Hitler's fate is governed by Neptune, which connotes mystery, violence and danger from trusted associates. The rhyme seems to foretell disaster for Hitler this year, followed next year by his death. In astrological terminology, Serpent year in this year; the following year is Horse Year. The last four lines are thought to point to the Far Eastern situation.

Catholic Service For Britain In New York

NEW YORK June 4 (Reuter).—Many distinguished persons were present at a Solemn Pontifical Mass held at St Patrick's Cathedral for the people of Britain to-day.

Lord and Lady Halifax, Mr. Wendell Willkie, Governor Lehmann of New York State, Archduke Otto and Mr and Mrs Joseph Kennedy were among those who attended, and there were also representatives of South Africa, Canada, Australia and India.

Archbishop Spellman in the course of a striking address said "the governments of man have Stuka-dived into paganism, strafed the Ten Commandments and bombed the Sermon on the Mount." He read a cable from Cardinal Hinsley thanking the American people for their help.

The Reverend Philip Furlong, President of the Cathedral College of New York, in the course of his sermon said that the bombing of Westminster Abbey had "produced in most Americans a special sense of injury."

Pick-A-Back Plane Out Of Commission

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—Maia, the bottom half of the Mayo composite "pick-a-back" aircraft, has been a damaged and rendered unserviceable in a British harbour.

At the beginning of the war, the pick-a-back plane, which is one of the world's most expensive aircraft, was released to the Air Ministry for duty with the R.A.F. Coastal Command, but apart from a few special service flights she did not take to the air often.

The damage to the Maia breaks the partnership with the smaller upper half of the aircraft, the Mercury, which went into service with Imperial Airways before the war following non-stop flights across the Atlantic and to South Africa.

STOCK EXCHANGE Narrowly Irregular

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was narrowly irregular, operators tending to mark time in view of Eastern Mediterranean uncertainty.

Gilt-edged holdings were a fraction lower, and industrials were irregular.

B.A.T.'s were 84s 4d against 87s 6d on reduction of the interim dividend from 9d to 7d. Stores were again lower.

There was some improvement in Kaffirs, in which the Cape bought non-producers.

Oils occasionally suffered minor losses.

Wall Street was dull.

Germans Rankled

BERLIN, June 4 (UP).—Authorised German quarters to-day termed as "nonsense" the Domei report from Rome that the Germans and Soviets have concluded a military alliance, adding "We should advise the Domei correspondent at Rome, before publishing such a report, first to consult the German and Russian representatives at Rome who could have told him that this was only nonsense."

Addicts Executed

LAIYANG, June 3 (Central News).—Convicted of violation of the Anti-Opium Law, Wan Ming-tseh and Chen Pien-chih were executed yesterday by order of the Hunan Provincial Government which has been taking stern measures to extirpate the opium evil in the province since the beginning of the year.

Lifeboat Rescues During May

LONDON, June 4 (British Wireless).—May has been the quietest month for the Lifeboat Service since the war began.

Boats were launched 50 times to vessels in distress and 27 lives were saved.

These were three times as many launches and twice as many lives saved as the average for May in the years of peace.

British Homes Repaired

Army Engaged

LONDON, June 4 (British Wireless).—Interesting figures relating to bomb damage to house property were given by the Minister of Health to-day when he disclosed that as many as 80,000 men have been mobilised by the local authorities throughout the country in repair squads.

London, said Mr Ernest Brown, has suffered twice as much damage to private houses as the rest of the country put together, but in most London districts the damaged houses have received first-aid repairs.

London Boroughs

Giving a typical example of the damage done to the more vulnerable London borough, Mr Brown said that of 40,000 houses comprising such a borough, 3,423 had been destroyed or damaged beyond repair, and of 19,240 damaged but repairable, about 5,000 could not be made fit by "first-aid" repairs.

Taking the country as a whole, more than 80 per cent. of the repairable houses had been made wind and watertight and work on this was being speeded up.

Last week, over 30,000 houses were so treated in London alone.

STRIKES IN AMERICA

Some Works Only Partly Affected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—Nearly 3,000 American Federation of Labour metal trade unionists have entered the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Yards and 3,000 others have reported to the Moore Drydocks in Oakland while A.F.O.L. machinists remain on strike.

Operators stated that the work could be continued for two or three months without the machinists. The latter will vote to-night whether to accept the Senate proposal to return to working pending arbitration of their wage demands.

The Congress of Industrial Organisation machinists who are striking in six other plants had previously rejected the proposals.

The Federal Mediation Board will meet the United Mine Workers and the southern soft coal operators late to-day and expects a final answer to its settlement proposals. The Secretary of Labour, Miss Francis Perkins, to-day certified to the Mediation Board the threatened strike in Cleveland of the Aluminum Company of America.

The United Automobile Workers and the North American Aviation Company to-day opened direct conferences striving to halt the threatened walkout of 11,300 workers at Inglewood, California.

Warehousemen Quit

NEW YORK, June 4 (Reuter).—Millions of dollars' worth of defence materials for Britain have been immobilised here by a strike of 1,400 warehouse workers in New York warehouses. The strikers are demanding an increase in wages.

Gestapo Blackmails Princess

Imprisoned in a concentration camp, a beautiful Indian princess is being blackmailed by the Nazis to buy her freedom for 2,500,000 francs.

The Princess is the Maharani of Kapurthala, wife of the wealthy Maharajah Jagatjit Singh, one of the most loyal princes of India. They were living in Paris when France fell.

The Maharajah escaped. His wife, thinking she would be left unharmed by the Nazis, remained behind, to follow him as soon as conditions became more normal.

But the Gestapo found her. She was thrown into a concentration camp known as "F 3." It is near Besancon. There she is kept under close guard with political suspects, is given no chance to escape.

When Captain Heinrich Wurzel, camp commandant, realised how wealthy his prisoner was, he offered to let her go if she would agree to pay him 1,000,000 francs.

But the Gestapo found him out and sacked him. Gestapo Colonel Klugge, acting on behalf of Himmler, said the princess could win safe conduct to unoccupied France for 2,500,000 francs.

The money has not yet been paid. The Maharani of Kapurthala remains at the concentration camp.

Mr Quo Tai-chi At Honolulu

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, June 4 (UP).—China's new Foreign Minister, Mr Quo Tai-chi, arrived here to-day by Clipper from San Francisco, en route to Chungking to assume his new post.

IN CAMP—Here are some French people in the internment camp for refugees at Rivesaltes, in unoccupied France. Living is barest and drab, but the refugees hope they may be freed, to go home. Many are eligible for release, reports say, if cases could be investigated. When newsmen visited the camp, recently, many women became hysterical, believing they were to be released.

DEFENCE OF PACIFIC FORTRESS

HAWAII LEARNS FROM ASSAULT ON CRETE

HONOLULU, June 2 (UP).—U.S. Army authorities in the Hawaiian Department were understood to have closely followed the progress of the German invasion attempt on Crete because of the similarity between the defence of the Mediterranean island and this Pacific fortress, where the army has just completed the largest manoeuvres in its history.

At the completion of the manoeuvres, army experts said the island defenders have "annihilated the invaders" in a huge pincers movement combining the fire-power of the ground troops and the striking force of the newly-arrived Flying fortresses.

Informed observers pointed out that the insular positions of the U. S. defenders in Hawaii and the Anglo-Greek defenders in Crete were somewhat similar, although it was emphasised that Hawaii would not have to contend with hordes of airborne troops.

During the manoeuvres the Hawaiian defenders contended with seaborne troops, which occupied all the islands outside Oahu, and also succeeded in landing troops on Oahu, where Honolulu, Pearl Harbour and other principal defence establishments are located.

Principal Difference

The war games proved, however, that the distance of any enemy land bases from Hawaii would make it extremely difficult to transport necessary equipment for an airborne invasion, even if the enemy succeeded in occupying the outside islands.

In this, unofficial sources said, lies the principal difference between Hawaii and Crete, since the Germans were able to assemble troops, equipment and supplies in the near-by Greek mainland.

The "occupation" of the outside islands and the landing of troops on Oahu, however, followed the assumed withdrawal of part of the U.S. naval forces from this area since the problem involved simultaneous attacks from the Pacific and the Atlantic. It was also assumed that part of the remaining units had been destroyed since it was virtually impossible to attack any part of Hawaii while the main fleet is here.

Final Drive

The "landings" followed naval bombardments and heavy air attacks during which, the enemy established himself in the Oahu salient, from where he threatened Honolulu and Pearl Harbour.

Army officials said the final action came just before dawn when the infantry, artillery, tanks, engineers and supporting troops launched a savage assault on the enemy salient. Thousands of troops went forward in the final drive and caught hostile forces between the mountains and the sea.

Experts said the Flying Fortresses were the trump cards. They dropped their heavy bomb loads on the enemy in conjunction with the attack.

The troops, some 40,000 strong, returned to their regular stations at the conclusion of the 12-day manoeuvres.

New Call To Our Youth

Schoolboy Volunteers For The Navy

LONDON, June 4. (Reuter).—Schoolboys and other young men may volunteer for the Navy, including the Fleet Air Arm, under the new "Y.U.N." scheme announced by the Admiralty.

They must have reached the age of 17, but will not be called for training until they are 18. Candidates accepted will be entered in the unpaid Navy Reserve and will continue schooling until called up.

They must have reached a certain educational standard or have served a year in the Junior Air Training Corps, Army Cadet or Sea Cadet Corps.

Temporary Commissions

Candidates can volunteer for training as a pilot or observer in the Fleet Air Arm, and if they satisfactorily complete the course of training will be granted temporary commissions in the Air Branch of the Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Candidates accepted as seamen can also be recommended for temporary commissions. Men already registered who wish to be pilots or observers in the Fleet Air Arm, if under 28, can volunteer under the scheme.

University students are eligible, and, if possible, will complete a course of study before called for naval training.

Kaiser's Burial Arrangements

BERLIN, June 4 (UP).—Informed German circles have confirmed the report that the ex-Kaiser will be buried at Doorn. The funeral will probably be held on Monday. At the ex-Kaiser's own wish, the funeral will be very quiet with only a small number of persons attending. Although the funeral will be private, representatives of Hitler and the present Government will probably attend. The German Government will also send wreaths, but there will be no State funeral.

German-American Bund Closed

TRENTON, N.J., June 4 (Reuter).—Four stormy years of waving swastika flags and shouting "Heil" at Camp Nordland came to an end on Wednesday with the sale of the Camp and the surrender of the Charter of the German-American Bund in New Jersey.

The Bund's counsel revealed that the camp was sold for $23,500 to 217 individual mortgagees, and the Charter returned to the Secretary of the State a few hours after New Jersey State Legislature had passed a law repealing the Charter.

Looking After R.A.F. Personnel After War

LONDON, June 4 (British Wireless).—Since the inauguration of the Empire Air Scheme, 160,465 men have applied to enlist in the Royal Australian Air Force and it is announced that the Federal Cabinet has approved a spare time training plan to put members of the R.A.A.F. in skilled operations after the war.

The scheme, costing £80,000 per year, will assist skilled men to refresh their knowledge of former occupations and help others to secure suitable work.

Cairo Among Gayest Capitals Of World

CAIRO, headquarters city of the Middle East, is ranking top to-day for glamour and gaiety among the world's capitals. I can assure friends and relatives of men fighting under Wavell, Cunningham, and Longmore that they are at least having a gay time on the leaves they spend in this city, writes a "Daily Mail" correspondent.

Maybe true glamour is wearing just a little thin in places. But the lean, sunburned men who have recently acquired that special far-away look the desert gives, scarcely notice it when they arrive on leave.

They come in from the front hungry for the basic good things of life—and they get them in abundance—baths, good food, wine, music, plenty of feminine society.

Do they care if there is a suspicion of last year's fashion about their girl friends' clothes?

They may be disappointed that a new edict closes down the nightclubs at midnight, but if the music the dance bands play is growing a trifle over-familiar now they enjoy it none the less for that.

No Rationing

The cabarets and floor-shows are not quite so good now that the Rumanian, Hungarian, and Bulgarian beauties who gave the best turn have been expelled by the Egyptian Government.

Champagne is more expensive, more difficult to get. The semi-black-out is, I suppose, a little blacker. Shopping is becoming more difficult, if you want imported goods.

But for sheer comfort Cairo has still got any European city beaten hollow, with the possible exception of Lisbon.

You can eat rump steak twice a day if you like, for seven days a week. The only thing rationed in Egypt is paraffin—and few people worry about that.

And Onions

Cairo's commonest vegetable is England's rarest—ONIONS.

If Egypt tried to send to England the 60,000 tons she normally sends in a year they would sprout during the voyage round the Cape. So Egypt is trying to eat them all herself.

Cairo's black-out is a mere matter of blue paint on street lamps and care with headlights. You must be ready to snap into full black-out when enemy planes come over, but, until the sirens go, you can please yourself about drawing your curtains.

Egypt Grows Rich

In the daytime shiny American cars fill the sunny streets—for there is no petrol rationing.

Egyptians are growing rich out of this war—not quite so rich as out of the last war, perhaps, but the British Army are spending £30,000,000 a year in Egypt and the profits are good enough to buy new cars with.

City prices are rising dizzily as money flows into the country. Millions of Egyptian families still live on an income of 2½d. a day—but cabbages are 6d. each in Cairo.

Even the street vendors who pester Empire soldiers to buy hair nets, fly-whisks, lilies or lengths of rubber tubing expect bigger profits to-day.

The native markets are finding the troops a good substitute for American tourists. At the Pyramids the guides and men who hire camels and donkeys are doing a brisker trade than ever.

Cairo to-day is rich, gay, comfortable. Yet I have not met a single man out here who would not rather be in London.

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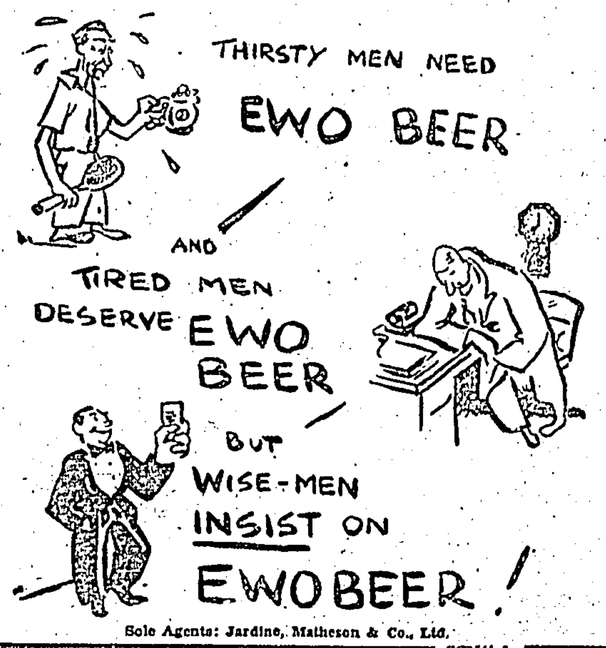

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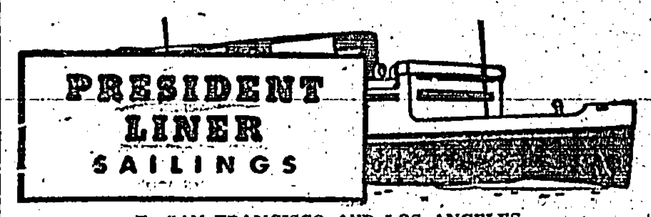

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"WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

Disastrous Week-end For Club de Recreio

Thrilling Climax To Champions-K.B.G.C. 'A' Game

Bad Year For Kowloon C.C.

***SATURDAY LAST** was a sorry day for Club de Recreio. Three of their four teams in the Lawn Bowls League were defeated, and to make things even worse, the "B" team in the First Division, until then undefeated, went down badly to Craigengower C.C. at Happy Valley, losing on all three rinks. The Portuguese have not had such a bad week-end for a long time.*

Last week also saw the first "possible" of the season being scored. To W. J. Howard's Kowloon Tong rink fell the honour, their victims being W. J. Bagley's Prison Officers' rink. In addition to this eight, A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A") and K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.) each scored a seven during the afternoon.

In the big match of the day, between Kowloon B.G.C. "A" and Club de Recreio "A", at Austin Road, everything pointed to a comfortable victory for the champions until the last three heads.

Adam Holland and "Spuggy" Silva finished their game three heads faster than the others—they made a tie of it—and the scores then were 21-14 in R. F. Luz's favour against A. J. Hall and 17-10 in C. G. Silva's favour against J. McKelvie. With a lead of 14 shots, it looked odds on the Portuguese team winning by 4½ points to ½.

But there was a complete transformation on the 19th head when Hall's rink, by persistent drawing, scored a seven. It was not a head over which to enthuse; the first two or three shots were about two feet away from the kitty and the rest were strung out from three to six feet.

Luz, however, was blocked by some badly-placed front woods and failed to alter the position, whereas Hall, by playing on his own woods, added to the count with both his shots.

This was bad enough, for in one head Hall had wiped out his deficit, but worse was to follow.

On the next end, Hall played a beautiful shot with his last wood to take a single and lead 22-21. And in the last head, in an attempt to score two shots, Luz had the misfortune to cut the jack to give his opponents three.

This happened before C. G. Silva and McKelvie played their last head, on which the latter obtained a brace to give his side victory by one shot.

Perhaps if Luz had known how close the scores were all round, he would not have taken any risk. For if he had tried to draw first shot with his last wood and failed, Hall would have been left with only a single and then McKelvie in the last head would have had to score three to tie and four to win.

This last head in the game between Luz and Hall was a good one and is worth describing. I have seen it reported elsewhere that Hall was lying one when the skips went down; actually, he was having three. Luz took two out with a drive and as Hall could not add to the count, two courses were left open to the Portuguese skip.

He could either drive again or try a dead draw. He was advised by his No. 3 (Jackie Noronha) against driving, so he tried the draw. The back hand was open, but even if he succeeded on this hand he could only get one out of it, whereas if he went up on the forehand, there was a chance of playing on a front wood (which was the second shot) and getting two.

The only danger in the latter course was that in order to push the front wood up for a counter, Luz had to have a little more weight than was required for a dead draw—in which case, if he missed the wood, he might move the jack.

This was exactly what happened. He missed his front wood and cut the jack to the right where three K.B.G.C. woods were waiting for it!

While I am of the opinion that the result of the match was decided on this rink, credit must also be given to McKelvie for the fight he put up against Carlos Silva, especially in the last head when he scored two to win the match.

Promoted to skip a senior rink, he was very steady and was given good support by H. E. Drew, who drew some lovely woods.

Johnny Ribeiro, who turned out at No. 3 for Carlos Silva, had just returned to the Colony that morning, and considering that he had stepped off the boat only a few hours before, he played quite a good game.

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THAT Craigengower C.C. would beat Recreio "B" at Happy Valley was fully expected; but the Portuguese had hoped to collect one point at least. But their undefeated rink, skipped by A. P. Guterres, was drawn against U. M. Omar's four, who also had not yet been beaten this season.

With the advantage of green, Omar's men won by three shots. A tie would have been a fairer result, and indeed it would have ended thus but for a bit of luck for the homesters.

When the last head was played, Omar was leading by one shot, and when the skips went down Guterres was lying one. Guterres did not add to the score—it was dangerous for him to be up anyhow with the woods as they were—and Omar, after failing with his first wood, was narrow with his second.

However, he had plenty of weight and hit one of his front woods up, this in turn pushing out the Recreio first shot to give himself two.

Of the eight men here, A. M. Rodrigues was the best. The home rink did not play up to form.

In the other two rinks, both B. W. Bradbury and C. S. Rosselet won easily. Rosselet's men were playing particularly well.

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THIS is certainly not the K.C.C.'s good year. So far they have played five matches, not only losing all of them but getting only three points out of a possible 25.

On Saturday they lost to the Police at the Valley by 4-1 and on Sunday, playing at home, they obtained only half a point against the lowly-placed Kowloon Docks.

The changes that have been made in the team have not had the desired effect. Perhaps they are missing the Old Brigade.

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M. N. Rakusen, who holds the singles crown, was the only Civil Service skip to win in the match against Kowloon B.G.C. "B" at the Valley. Given good support by his front men, J. Gellatly, E. Kirman and M. E. Purvis, Rakusen had the better of Bob Duncan by 27-17.

J. G. Meyer, skipping a "B" rink for the first time, made an auspicious debut by trouncing C [illegible] range by 27-14, while L. Guy, [illegible] rink was strengthened by the inclusion of G. H. Sherriff at No. 3, finished up three shots to the good against J. P. MacGowan.

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AS a result of the defeat of Recreio "A" in the First Division—which has made the championship very open again—Kowloon Tong and Kowloon F.C., in the Second Division) are the only teams in the whole League who have not yet been beaten.

These two clubs are going great guns in this section. Last week Kowloon Tong entertained the Prison Officers and won by 5-0 while the K.F.C. visited Kowloon C.C. and did likewise.

Kowloon Tong, at the head of the League Table, are in a very strong position as they are five points ahead of the K.F.C. although they have played a match more.

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STARTING the season with a rush by winning their first three matches, the Indians, in the Third Division, have been badly beaten in their last two matches.

Last week they lost to Kowloon F.C. at Chatham Road, S. M. Rumjahn being the only visiting skip to win. They started the game very badly and after the first five heads were nearly 20 shots down all round. They finally lost by six shots.

The vital Recreio "A"-Kowloon B.G.C. "A" match in progress at the Bowling Green last Saturday. A. Hyde Lay bowling, with J. F. V. Ribeiro (Rec.), J. A. Luz (Rec.), H. E. Drew (K.B.G.C.) and L. Sykes (K.B.G.C.) watching, and C. E. Marques (Rec.) selecting his next wood.—*Ming Yuen.*

Jim Ferrier Turns Pro.

CHICAGO.—Jim Ferrier, Australian star barred from the national amateur golf tournament last year, has accepted a post as professional at the Elmhurst (Ill.) Country Club, Fred B. Snite Sr of Chicago, club president, announced recently. Ferrier came to the United States about a year ago, possessor of both the Australian open and amateur championships. Just before the national amateur sectional qualifying rounds he was notified by the United States Golf Association he was ineligible because of a book on golf written by him.

Water-polo

Navy "A" Beat Middlesex "B" In Y.M.C.A. Pool

TWO MATCHES in the water-polo Tournament were held yesterday. Navy A, after being two goals down, recovered to beat Middlesex B 4-2 at Y.M.C.A. and Navy B and 5th A.A. Regt. shared four goals in the dockyard.

Navy A made one or two changes and took some time to settle down but it was only rank bad marking that cost them the two goals. Bradley scored twice for Middlesex and Navy replied through Paul and Carter. In the second half Navy forged ahead when Paul and Hoare netted and they dominated the latter stages.

Y.M.C.A. Team

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. against Royal Navy "B" in a Water-polo Tournament match this evening at 6.30 p.m. in the "Y" pool:

F. Willis; L. A. Benn and P. Wilson; A. F. May; Sub.-Lieut. Winter, N. D. Booker and L. A. C. Gracie.

Australian Soccer Tour

Sydney, May 27.

Members of the visiting Chinese soccer team assembled at the Cenotaph, and the captain placed a wreath.

Leagues For Miniature Rifle Shooting Teams

SEPARATE LEAGUES will be commenced as early as possible for Open and Aperture Sights under S.M.R.C. Rules. Matches will be at 25 yards range and will normally be Weekly Postal Matches, although teams may make individual arrangements for shoulder-to-shoulder matches.

Each Unit may enter an unlimited number of teams of four in each league, the affiliation fee being H.K.$6 per team per season.

The same team may shoot in both Aperture and Open Sight Leagues.

Target cards for each League Match will be provided by the H.K.R.A.

Colony Matches

Entries have been made for the Colonial Small Bore Match in both Aperture and Open Sights, the teams for which will be chosen from members of the League Teams. On the basis of last year's results, Hongkong has an excellent chance of winning this match.

Arrangements are in progress for a friendly match between a team representing the Colony and an Australian Rifle Club.

Handicap Competitions

It is hoped that this will lead to several friendly matches with overseas Clubs, including a shoot with the National Rifle and Pistol Association of the Philippines.

It is proposed to hold a Monthly Handicap Spoon Competition, details of which will be announced later.

Any information required regarding miniature shooting (.22) may be obtained from Mr A. F. Evans, Royal Air Force Station, Kai Tak, Kowloon.

Major Baseball

Only Two Games Played Owing to Rain

NEW YORK, June 4 (UP).—Only one game was played in the National Baseball League to-day owing to rain. Two of the American fixtures were washed out, and the other—Philadelphia v. Chicago—is a night game.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
St Louis	2	9	3
Battery: Gumbert, Mancuso.			
Boston	4	11	1
Battery: Johnson, Mast.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington	4	9	0
Battery: Anderson, Carrasquel, Early.			Evans
St Louis	7	8	0
Battery: Ostermueller, Kramer,			Ferrell.

Lawn Bowls Rinks For The Week-end

The following are Club selections for this week's programme in the Lawn Bowls League:—

FIRST DIVISION

Recreio "A":—J. Luz, C. E. Marques J. F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva (skip); L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, H. A. Alves, F. X. Silva (skip); F. X. Soares, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz (skip).

Recreio "B":—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios, J. J. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, B. Basto, E. Souza, L. J. Silva (skip); C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Guterres (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio:—A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, C. A. Lopes, O. P. Remedios (skip); E. L. Barros, E. M. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves, J. R. Soares (skip); A. P. Pereira, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios, C. C. Pereira (skip).

K.F.C.:—A. Lapsley, V. Atienza V. Chittenden, W. C. Fields (skip); W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern, P. Younghusband (skip); A. A. Dand, C. Dowman, W. C. Simpson, T. Fergusson (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

Recreio:—L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha M. A. Carvalho (skip); C. F. Rosario, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon (skip).

Sunday's Matches

K.F.C.:—B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller, B. D. Evans (skip); W. C. Ogley, G. Frost, Y. Abbas, J. T. Smalley (skip); G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A Macintyre, R. Ogden (skip).

Reserves:—J. Gibson, L. Bones, W. Seraphine, L. Mullett.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

K.F.C. (2nd Div. v. C.C.C.):—A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden, W. C. Fields (skip); W. Naef, A Eastman, E. Kern, P. Younghusband (skip); A. A. Dand, C. Dowman, W. C. Simpson T. Fergusson (skip).

Reserves:—J. Gibson, W. C. Ogley.

Recreio (3rd Div. v. C.C.C.):—L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); F. Sequira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho (skip); C. F. Rozario, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon (skip).

H.K.E.R.C.:—A. P. Tolbuck, W. E. Macfarline, A. G. Gardner L. de Rome (skip); J. R. Way, W. Stonehouse, W. Stoker, J. R. Way, W. Stonehouse, W. Stoker, J. F. Lunny (skip); R. A. Owens, E. L. Grocme, J. F. Barron, R. C. Butler (skip).

"C" Division Tennis

Craigengower Trounce Indians 9-0

Craigengower Cricket Club's "C" Division tennis team, powerful enough to take on teams in the higher Division proved far too good for the Indian R.C. in their League match at Happy Valley yesterday, and won by 9-0.

Lee Wah-kek and J. W. Leonard won three sets with the loss of only three games, but W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo went one better and conceded only two games in winning their three matches.

Scores were:

ARMY 7½ K. TONG 1½

At Sookunpoo, Army beat Kowloon Tong 7½-1½.

Emberton and Duffield drew with S. Hsu and D. Chen 6-6; beat K. M. Lee and A. H. Basto 6-1; beat L. Chan and D. Kwok 6-1.

Webb and Denyer lost to Hsu and Chen 4-6; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

Murray and Megson beat Hsu and Chen 6-4; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

The match between Chinese A and B was postponed.

C.C.C. 9 I.R.C. 0

At Happy Valley Craigengower beat Indians 9-0.

Lee Wah-kek and J. W. Leonard beat A. Rahmin and M. A. Wahab 6-3; beat I. Kitchell and M. Hassan 6-0; beat M. P. Madar and A.R.I. Esmail 6-0.

Geo Lai and Y. L. Pao beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-1; beat Kitchell and Hassan 7-5; beat Madar and Esmail 6-3.

W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-0; beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1; beat Madar and Esmail 6-1.

UNIVERSITY 3½ K.I.T.C. 5½

At Pokfulam, Kowloon Indians beat University, 5½-3½.

S. A. and S. S. Hussain beat C. K. Cheah and T. Liu, 6-1 beat S. I. Yong and T. K. Hui, 6-0, beat Y. Ip and T. C. Lo, 6-0.

H. M. Singh and S. A. M. Sepher beat Cheah and Liu 6-3 beat Yong and Hui 6-2; lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

M. Ramzam and J. Khan drew with Cheah and Liu 6-6, lost to Yong and Hui 3-6, lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

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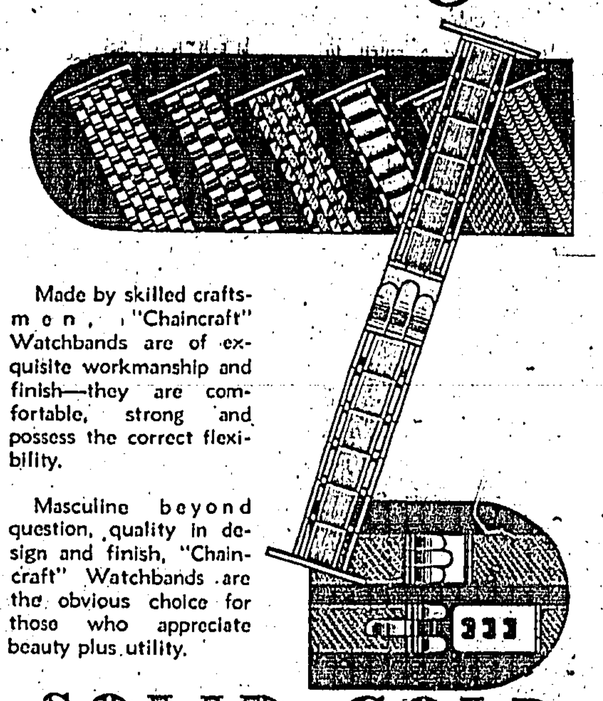

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By Ernie Bushmiller

SCHEME TO STOP PROFITEERING

The British Government intends to put a stop to profiteering. A new bill now in preparation will aim particularly at the activities of unnecessary middlemen and speculators.

Experience of the working of the Limitation of Supplies Orders has shown the Board of Trade that new powers are needed to prevent price increases due to commission transactions between registered firms and other traders. Activities of intermediaries will be curbed and a check put on speculative dealing in goods.

Capt. Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, announced in the House of Commons recently that legislation on the subject would be introduced shortly.

Conditions, he said, had changed since the passing of the Price of Goods Act. The Act had worked satisfactorily up to the present in keeping prices generally at reasonable level in relation to costs.

New Measure Needed

"But," he added, "I am satisfied that a further measure of price regulation is needed."

The new bill will fix maximum wholesale and retail prices for a wide range of goods in common use, and also for such services as the storage of furniture. It will not apply to food, which is dealt with separately.

Besides fixing prices the Board of Trade will lay down maximum wholesale and retail percentage margins. It will also have power to deal with manufacturers' prices and margins.

Penalties for profiteering will be severe, including imprisonment up to two years and fines up to £500.

Minister With A Barrow

Impressed by the appeals of his bombed-out parishioners to save their furniture lying under debris the Rev. E. Ralph, Baptist minister, of Catford Hill Church, became a salvage officer and furniture remover in his spare time.

Borrowing a coster's barrow, the minister, aided only by his caretaker, Mr Geddes, has salvaged and stored in the church hall, free of charge, the goods of 30 families; Roman Catholics, Jews, Church of England and Baptists.

"About ten families have given me the furniture to use as I wish," he said.

"I give it to needy families or sell it to well-to-do ones. With the money I help out poor people who have to go to the country.

Coloured Clogs Are Latest

Clogs without clatter—new slogan of Britain's clogmakers—plus wartime needs and leather supply difficulties are bringing a boom in the demand for rubber-soled models.

But what a contrast to those in which Lancashire and Yorkshire mill-girls used to clatter over the cobbles to work!

Now with uppers made of bright red, green and blue leather and the wooden soles covered with rubber, dainty clogs are being produced to be worn with the smartest outdoor clothes.

Already they are being worn by Yorkshire girls. Soon, judging by the number of orders pouring into the Bradford firm which has created the new style, they will be seen in many other parts of the country.

A contract for thousands of pairs of clogs for A.T.S. girls and Wrafs to wear on camp duty has recently been placed.

Chance Find

Coloured leather uppers came into use by chance. "Previously we had concentrated on plain stout clogs with uppers of black or tan leather for wear by factory workers and children," the head of a Bradford firm said.

"The war brought supply difficulties. Finding there were big stocks of coloured leather available, we decided to experiment, and we think the clog which has resulted is as smart as anything yet produced by shoemakers for outdoor wear.

"We are experiencing an enormous demand from war workers. Clogs are also popular among air-raid shelterers, who say there is nothing to beat them for keeping the feet warm and dry.

"Clogs are cheap, too. Our new style will probably retail at about 12s. a pair, and the cost of re-clogging them is small compared with that of boot and shoe repairs, while we reckon the uppers will last twice as long as an ordinary shoe."

Sweden Now Replacing Her Shipping Losses

Sweden's merchant shipping loss—95 ships totalling 342,545 tons since the war began—is being replaced rapidly by new construction, according to recent Swedish information.

Fifty new ships with a total tonnage of 235,000 were launched at Swedish yards in 1940, and 45 ships totalling 190,000 tons already have been delivered. At the beginning of this year another 50 vessels, aggregating about 550,000 tons, were either under construction or contracted for.

At present Sweden has 650,000 tons of shipping or 40 per cent. of existing tonnage outside the blockade. Another 1,000,000 tons is inside the Skagerrak barrier. Most of those ships outside the blockade are employed in carrier service including convoy service to Great Britain. Vessels inside the blockade are for the most part coastwise craft or trans-Baltic carriers.

63 Ships Idle

On Jan. 1 this year the number of idle Swedish ships of over 300 tons was 63, making a total tonnage of 287,000. This includes the Gripsholm and the Drottingholm of the Swedish American Line, while the Kungsholm still is in the cruise service out of New York.

Though five Swedish ships are allowed by the British to pass monthly through the blockades, there will be no increase in the tonnage outside the barriers. Every ship that enters must either come out or be replaced with another of the same size.

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RECORDING THE NEWS: HOW THE BBC WORKS

Listeners to BBC news bulletins often hear the announcer say something like this: 'Our Observer, Robin Duff, visited Dover this afternoon. Here are his impressions recorded on the spot.' How the Observer's impressions are recorded and later broadcast to the world is described in this article, written by a senior member of the BBC's Engineering Staff.

A vital task of broadcasting is to give an accurate and vivid impression of contemporary life and current events. The most direct way of doing this is by means of sound pictures which combine the actual sounds of events with the voices of the men and women taking part in them. Sometimes this can be done by roving microphones, connected by telephone line to a studio centre, but the most interesting topical material is sometimes to be found at places remote from telephone lines or at times unsuitable for broadcasting. It must then be collected by means of a mobile recording unit.

Before describing the activities of the mobile units in wartime, let us look at the equipment itself. It is of two kinds—a heavy type mounted in a large van and a light portable apparatus carried in a saloon car. Each of these has its special uses; both make records in the form of discs which are somewhat similar in appearance to ordinary twelve-inch gramophone records, but consist of a coating of special cellulose varnish on a base of aluminium.

They are ready for playing as soon as the record has been cut, without any of the elaborate intermediate processes involved in making ordinary records, and each disc can be played twenty or thirty times before it becomes noticeable to those used in the disc-recording rooms at BBC studios.

Electric currents, corresponding to the sound waves picked up by the microphone, cause vibrations of a recording stylus which cuts a wavy spiral track in the varnish on the surface of the disc. The spiral motion is obtained by causing the recording head which carries the stylus to move slowly across the surface of the disc while the latter is rotating on the turn-table. When the disc is played, currents similar to those which were applied to the recording cutter are produced by the vibrations of the needle in the gramophone pick-up; after amplification these currents can be made to reproduce the original sound through a loud-speaker, either directly or through the medium of wireless transmission.

Mobile Unit

A mobile unit of the heavier type consists of a motor van, weighing about six tons when laden, the body of which is divided into two compartments. One compartment is acoustically treated so as to form a small studio suitable for speech. The other contains two sets of recording equipment (so that a continuous recording can be made by passing from one turn-table to the other as each disc is finished) together with the associated amplifiers, the controlling and switching equipment, and the battery-charging plant.

Recordings can be made either of speech from the microphone in the studio compartment, or of speech or other sounds picked up by other microphones outside the van and connected to it by cables.

The van can work away from its base, if necessary, for several weeks at a time and, since the equipment is all operated from batteries which can be charged from the engine of the van, it is self-contained and independent of electric supply mains. The size of the van makes it possible to accommodate the most complete technical equipment for controlling the programme and checking the accuracy of the recording, and also to employ the most robust and convenient form of recording apparatus.

The turn-tables can be made level by hydraulically operated adjustments so that recordings can be made when the van is standing on a slope. The speed of the turn-tables can be accurately adjusted, and gramophone pick-ups and a loudspeaker are provided for reproducing sound from the records when necessary.

Getting The News

Although these heavy recording vans are well suited to many kinds of recording work, experience has proved that a lighter form of mobile equipment is also necessary.

In 1938 the BBC News Department felt the need for a mobile unit which could travel rapidly to any part of the country, obtain a topical news story, and bring the records back the same night (to London or any other BBC studio centre) to be included in the news bulletins. The apparatus had to be sufficiently compact to fit into an ordinary saloon car, light enough to be carried into a building or set up in an aeroplane, and robust enough to withstand travelling over bad roads at high speeds.

Although it would normally be used in the car, the apparatus had to be readily movable so that it could be carried by hand to places to which the car could not be taken. It had also to be independent of external power supplies and to be suitable for use not only as a recording unit, but also for direct outside broadcasting work where suitable Post Office telephone lines were available to carry a 'live' broadcast.

It was also necessary to provide facilities for reproducing a recording and connecting the output to a studio centre. The equipment had also to fit into the car without any modification of the standard bodywork and without fitting any special mountings in the car.

The present design of the light recording unit is the result of a study of the problem by BBC engineers. It is not possible for such a compact unit to provide all the advantages of the heavier one—it cannot make a continuous recording lasting longer than the duration of a single disc (about four minutes), and it lacks many of the facilities and refinements which are provided by the heavy van. But where speed is essential it has a great advantage, because the saloon car is not subject to the statutory speed limit of twenty miles an hour, which is imposed on the large van; moreover, it can be manoeuvred more easily in narrow streets and parked in more restricted spaces.

The Recording Apparatus

The apparatus consists of three main parts: the recording machine, the amplifier, and the power-supply unit.

The recording machine, consists essentially of a heavy turn-table, the cutter-head, and the tracking gear which gives the correct spiral form to the groove. The turn-table is driven by an electric motor operated from a twelve-volt accumulator battery. The shaft of this motor carries a small rubber wheel which is in contact with the rim of the turn-table, so that the latter is driven smoothly and evenly at a considerably lower speed than that of the motor. The same motor also drives the tracking mechanism; this includes a leadscrew which is supported behind the turn-table and extends across the width of it. As it rotates, this lead-screw carries a rigid arm slowly across the turn-table from the outer edge of the disc towards the centre; to the end of this arm is attached the cutter-head, which looks very much like an ordinary gramophone pick-up except that instead of a steel needle there is a steel cutter, the edge of which is accurately shaped to carefully calculated angles. The action of the currents which are passed through the cutter-head is to vibrate the cutter from side to side and so produce a waviness in the spiral groove corresponding to the sounds which are being recorded.

Amplifier

The weak currents produced by the microphone are applied to the input of an amplifier which gives an output sufficient to operate the recording cutter. This amplifier has three stages of amplification and uses the principle of 'negative feed-back' to neutralize any distortion which may arise within itself or in the recording head.

The first section of the amplifier is the same as that used for ordinary outside broadcasts, and it may be employed for this purpose by switching off the output stage and connecting the telephone line to the terminals provided. In this condition the amplification is sensibly the same for all frequencies from fifty to eight thousand cycles per second, i.e. for all the notes on a piano from the lowest G to more than an octave above the highest note.

On the top of the amplifier there are two input sockets—one for connecting a moving-coil microphone, the other for connecting either the electrical pick-up for reproducing recorded discs or a three-channel microphone mixing unit; the latter is used for selecting or combining the various outputs when more than one microphone is used. On the front of the amplifier there are mounted a peak programme meter and a controlling 'potentiometer'—or volume-control—to ensure that the correct volume is applied to the recording head throughout the recording.

Recorder

The recording machine is provided with two main operating levers—one to engage the tracking mechanism to start the traverse of the cutter across the disc and the other to lower the cutter-head on to the blank disc at the moment when the recording is to start. Provision is also made for varying the depth of the cut, the angle of the cutting stylus, and the speed with which the recording head moves towards the centre of the disc. This last adjustment determines the pitch of the spiral track, i.e. the number of grooves per inch which appear on the disc.

During recording, a brush moves across the face of the disc and sweeps up the thread of 'swarf' which is cut from it, and which is thus prevented from becoming tangled round the cutter. The sweeping movement of the brush is derived from the clamp which holds down the centre of the disc, through a small rubber-tyred wheel which is fixed eccentrically on one end of the brush holder. The brush can be removed and an electrical pick-up plugged into the same socket for playing back the recorded disc. When the pick-up is plugged in, the necessary electrical connections to the amplifier are made automatically.

Accuracy Of Sound Reproduction

To obtain faithful reproduction of the original sounds the speed of rotation of the turn-table must remain constant at the standard rate of seventy-eight revolutions per minute. The speed is constantly checked by means of a 'stroboscope', which consists of a number of holes drilled in the outer rim of the turn-table and of a neon lamp which shines through these holes from beneath. This lamp is supplied with alternating current from a small specially designed oscillator mounted in the case of the recording machine. The spacing of the holes in the rim of the turn-table is related to the rate of flashing of the lamp in such a way that the light appears to remain stationary when the turn-table is rotating at the correct speed, but to move round the turn-table in one direction or the other when the speed is too fast or too slow.

The power-supply unit contains a motor-generator and smoothing circuits for the high-tension supply to the amplifier, the controls necessary for the low-tension circuits, and a variable resistance for regulating the speed of the turn-table. This unit is elastically mounted to reduce vibration and supplies direct current at four hundred volts; it is driven by the accumulator battery. There are two small circuit breakers, one to control the motor-generator and the other to control the filament supply to the amplifier; these switch off the current if an accidental short circuit occurs.

In order that the equipment can be assembled and put into operation with the least possible delay, the connections between the various units are made by means of interconnecting cables fitted with plugs and sockets, the cables being carefully screened, where necessary, to prevent electrical interference. The whole of the equipment operates from two batteries, each consisting of five nickel-iron accumulator cells. One of the batteries has a capacity of a hundred and twenty ampere-hours and the other of eighty ampere-hours, the supply for the filaments being taken from the larger battery. The turn-table motor and the motor-generator take their supply from the two batteries connected in series.

The equipment is normally carried in a fourteen-horse-power saloon car. The supply unit stands on the floor behind the driver's seat. The amplifier rests on the top of it and the recording machine stands on the rear seat of the car. The batteries are carried in the luggage boot and their connecting cables run through the back of the rear seat. The luggage boot also contains cable drums holding up to four hundred yards of screened microphone cable, telephone sets for communication between the microphone points and the recording engineer in the car, the three-channel mixer, loud-speakers, a telescopic microphone stand, and a kit of tools. There are also head-phones for checking the programmme when it is not convenient to use a loudspeaker.

'We Are Now Taking You Over To....!'

When the records have been made, they are either taken to one of the BBC studio centres or played back in the car itself, the output being connected by a telephone line to the studio centre. Lines used for the transmission of a programme are specially tested by the lines engineers of the BBC and 'equalized' so that they respond equally to all frequencies within the range necessary for the faithful transmission of music.

For reproducing recordings in this way, the car is taken to a telephone exchange where connections can be made directly to the telephone lines. In order that the recording may be started at precisely the right moment to fit into the broadcast programme of which it is to form part, it is necessary for the recording engineer in the car to hear the cue which is the signal for him to lower the pick-up on the record and 'fade up' the output. This cue may either be taken on another telephone line from the studio centre, or it may be heard on a portable receiver tuned to the programme in which the recording is to be inserted.

In the latter case, the recording engineer will hear the announcer say: 'We are now taking you over to . . . . to hear our observer, whose commentary has been recorded earlier to-day'—or the commentator may speak directly at the microphone, starting on a signal from the engineer, to link together the various recorded items into a connected story.

Each section of the recording is then played over at the appropriate points in the observer's talk.

Smooth presentation of this type of programme demands close co-operation and complete understanding between the recording engineer and the programme staff both at the outside broadcast point and in the studio centre.

Although the equipment is normally operated from the car while stationary, recordings have been made while on the move—following processions, in aeroplanes in the air, in express trains, at sea and even in a submarine diving.

On Active Service

Since the beginning of the war, some of the mobile recording units and the men who use them have seen dangerous and exacting service. On the declaration of war one of the saloon cars was loaded on to a cross-Channel steamer at Dover. It passed through the French customs without delay, and was driven to Paris, where it was left for a time in a deep garage ready for action. When BBC war correspondents were allowed to accompany the B.E.F. early in October 1939, the BBC unit, consisting of a commentator, a programme official, and an engineer took possession of the car. Accommodation was provided at G.H.Q., and an attic was made into a small studio.

During the winter, the extreme cold made it difficult to cut good records, partly because frost patterns formed on the blank discs and affected the surface, and partly because the liquid in the batteries was affected. Temperatures as low as forty degrees Fahrenheit below freezing were encountered, and the engineer even had to take the discs to bed in order that they might be in good condition for cutting next day.

One of the many programmes recorded by this unit took place in the Maginot Line, where the apparatus was taken out of the car and set up on a truck on the miniature railway system which ran through the underground forts. Another was the recording of a march past of the band of the Chasseurs Alpins, which was taken at six-o'clock in the morning in a blinding snow-storm in the Jura Mountains. Many of the broadcasts from France were relayed through the Lille station of the French Post Office, where the French engineers did magnificent work in fixing up lines at very short notice. The mobile unit was also sent from time to time to the R.A.F. headquarters for the use of a second BBC commentator there. The same equipment was used by one of the American broadcasting companies and by the French war correspondents attached to the B.E.F., and also for 'live' broadcasts of the concert parties arranged by E.N.S.A.

During May the unit accompanied the army to Brussels and beyond, then back to Lille, Arras, and Amiens. By this time, it had two sets of equipment at its disposal. Then came the rapid move to Boulogne, during which some of the equipment had to be abandoned at Amiens. The cables between Boulogne and London were still intact, and several despatches were given by BBC observers from Boulogne. After a few days, during which there was frequent bombing, the equipment was brought back to England.

Meanwhile, a second recording unit was with the Advanced Air Striking Force near Rheims; it was through this unit that many listeners at home first heard the sound of falling bombs. The enemy had been particularly active in this area for some time, and during one of the despatches from the R.A.F. a salvo of bombs dropped close to the open window of the studio.

Since their return these recording units have still been engaged in reporting incidents in the war. One of the most outstanding of these recordings was made on the cliffs of Dover. The unit had just taken up its stand there, when a convoy was seen steaming slowly up the Channel. Just as the convoy was passing the point where the recording car was stationed, German dive-bombers attacked it. Anti-aircraft guns went into action, followed by squadrons of fighters. The recording of this action, with the running commentary which accompanied it gave a realistic impression of the successful battle which ensued. The records were taken to London and broadcast in the nine o'clock news bulletin that same evening.

During another broadcast from 'Hell-fire Corner', the recording unit was machine-gunned by a Messerschmitt; it suffered no damage and the German machine was brought down by anti-aircraft fire. It also recorded the shell-fire from the long-range guns installed by the Germans on the Channel coast when shells fell in Dover for the first time.

Meanwhile, the work of the mobile recording unit continues—bringing to listeners at home and overseas the sound and scenes of Great Britain at war.

B.B.C. WAIVE WEDDING BAR

THE B.B.C. marriage "bar" to women members of their staff has been waived for the duration.

Before the war, members of the staff wishing to marry had to obtain permission. Cases were considered by a board and if applicants had key positions, and it was considered their domestic life would not interfere with their jobs, permission was granted.

Now that the "bar" has been lifted, a large number of B.B.C. girls have married, and some already-married are being taken on.

GETS 22 NAZIS—Pilot Officer Eric Lock of British Air Force, who is credited with downing 22 German planes. He is the youngest in Air Force—only 21. He has been given Distinguished Flying Cross, with bar, and Distinguished Service Order of Britain.

NORWAY SHIPS ESCAPE

The Nazi rulers of Norway, worried because ships are said to be escaping to Britain, have ordered every Norwegian vessel to stay in harbour.

Death will be the penalty for anyone disobeying this order.

Norway's fishing fleet has been put under military control.

"Dash To It"

Overhead warplanes soar, ready to swoop on any ship that "makes a dash for it."

An Exchange message from Sweden, reporting this, quoted a Gothenburg newspaper as saying:

"Recently several Norwegian vessels have crossed to English ports with fugitives on board."

Other Feats

Some daring escapes have been made from Norway.

Last summer two men crossed to Scotland—200 miles—in a 20ft motor-boat.

A few weeks earlier, an 18-ton trawler reached a port in Canada with her fuel tanks almost empty.

Baby Was Entombed Three Days

Somewhere in the wreckage of a house demolished in a recent Merseyside raid lay a four-month-old baby girl.

Rescue squads tunnelled through the debris. They knew their task must be hopeless, but they were determined not to give up until they were certain.

Twenty-four hours passed, and there was no sign of life. Two days and still they had not found the child.

They struggled on for the third day. And in a lull they heard, from somewhere near, the faint cry of a baby coming through that mass of brick and rubble.

Frantically, yet gently, they tore away the remaining barriers.

And there, in an old-fashioned wooden cradle, lay the baby they had spent three days struggling to reach. Her parents had been killed, but she appeared unharmed.

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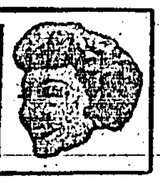

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Polish Training Camps Turning Out An Army

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—General Sikorski's visit to the United States and his conversation with President Roosevelt aroused great enthusiasm in Poland, declared the Polish Commander-in-Chief in a statement on the results of his American tour to the Polish National Council in London to-day.

The Polish President, M. Raczkiewich, and all members of the Government were present.

General Sikorski was welcomed by the Acting Vice-Chairman of the National Council, Dr Lieberman, the well-known Polish Socialist leader.

General Sikorski said that Polish pilots and sailors were on active service and a Polish Brigade in the Middle East, under the command of General Wavell, had taken up its position.

Helping Defend Britain

The Polish forces which were defending an important sector of Britain could easily be enlarged by new recruits from Polish manpower in the Western Hemisphere.

The organisation of Polish military training camps in Canada, therefore, had become an acute problem and the Polish Government had decided to spend part of its gold reserves for this object.

The first large comfortable camp would be established at Owen Sound, Ontario, and the second at Windsor. General Sikorski hoped that the Polish forces might be further enlarged next year in readiness for offensive action on the Continent.

General Sikorski paid a warm tribute to the assistance the United States is giving the Allies and expressed his sincere belief that the unlimited potentialities of the United States' war industry would bring victory.

ADMIRAL NOBLE'S NEW JOB

Tough, grey-haired, 61-year-old Admiral Sir Percy Lockhart Harnam Noble, who has been appointed to direct Britain's forces in the Battle of the Atlantic, is now Commander-in-Chief Western Approaches.

The Admiral's headquarters and the nature of the forces at his disposal must, of course, remain secret, but it can be said that he has already taken up his duties and set about the stern task of combating Grand-Admiral Raeder's much-heralded attack against shipping along our Trans-Atlantic life-line.

47 Years In Navy

After 47 years in the Royal Navy Sir Percy has earned the reputation of being able to tackle the most awkward problems.

That was why he was appointed Fourth Sea Lord and Chief of Supplies and Transport in 1935, at a time when the Navy was preparing for its expansion programme; and why, when things began to get difficult in the Far East, he was sent out in 1938 as Commander-in-Chief, China Station.

Admiral Sir Percy Noble began his sea career when he entered the Navy in 1894. He was promoted Captain in 1910 and held many commands. In 1929 he became Rear-Admiral and in 1939, while Commander-in-Chief China Station, he was appointed Admiral.

The Big Stick

There is a story told about him when he was in charge of a naval training establishment.

He was asked: "What do you do if the boys make trouble?"

"I talk to them," he replied.

"And if they still make trouble?"

Came the answer: "If that happened, then I should have to use the stick."

He fought the Germans with the Grand Fleet in the last war; now he will take a big stick to the Nazis in the Atlantic.

The importance of his appointment is that one man will wield this new big stick. He will have the full assistance of the R.A.F. and the Ministry of Shipping.

"My husband has one hobby—the Navy," Lady Noble told reports. "He is tremendously enthusiastic about his work."

FOR CONVOY—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., New York financier and philanthropist, who urges President Roosevelt to convoy arms to Britain. He said usually he was for peace but now he's against Hitler domination.

Church Group Asks All Aid To Britain

Adoption of any means necessary to ensure the delivery of American war materials to Britain was urged upon President Roosevelt in a resolution approved by the executive committee of the Inter-Faith Committee for Aid to the Democracies, and made public in New York recently by Dr Henry A. Atkinson, general secretary.

The Committee comprises 1,000 religious leaders of all denominations throughout the United States, many of whom have been active in peace movements in the past.

The resolution, as forwarded to the White House, follows:

"The executive committee of the Inter-Faith Committee for Aid to the Democracies being convinced that the battle of the Atlantic is crucial for the defeat of totalitarianism and the preservation of democratic civilisation, urges upon the President and the Government of the United States to use whatever means are adequate to guarantee that the life-line between Britain and America be kept open and that the goods now being produced in America in ever-increasing amounts, actually reach Britain safely."

Church Faces Black-out

A statement by Dr Atkinson, released through the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, said the resolution was the most effective answer possible to those who charge church leaders with apathy or isolationism in the world crisis.

"The Church knows it faces a black-out," he added, "if Hitler controls the Western World and Japan the East."

Photographic Contest Open To All

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although usually entered in the Still Life Section.

Handsome Prize-List

Messrs. Ilford, Ltd. of London, have again donated two Silver cups for the best and second-best pictures in the competition, irrespective of class. It has been decided that the two pictures gaining these much coveted awards, will not be entitled to other prizes.

The Eastman Kodak Company have again given three handsome silver cups as first prizes in each section. These will be known as the Kodak Silver Trophies. Cash prizes to the value of $250 have been donated by the *Telegraph*. In addition, all prize-winners and commended entries will be awarded a special certificate.

Open Competition

For the first time in the history of these competitions, there will be no restrictions as to amateur or professional status, the competition being an open one on the lines of similar leading photographic events in other parts of the world. The standard of the Craftsmen's Section—included for the first time last year, was of such a high order, that it is felt that local amateurs will hold their own with professionals.

Another new rule will be incorporated, disallowing the use of aliases by competitors. It is felt that the practice is not desirable, and liable to lead to dissatisfaction on the part of those who enter under their own name.

The competition starts immediately, and pictures may be sent in at any time, addressed to "Photographic Competition", The "Hongkong Telegraph", Morning Post Building. The closing date will be September 30.

The rules and other particulars will be published shortly.

Etonian Toppers Mark June 4

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—The traditional dress of swallow-tail coats and silk hats was adhered to by Eton College boys in to-day's Fourth of June celebrations, but clothes rationing may make it the last occasion until after the war.

The celebrations were among the quietest on record.

The bombing of the Upper School last December made it impossible for speeches to be delivered in the historic building for the first time in 170 years.

For obstructing a policeman by giving warning to a hawker of his approach, Wong Sai-ngau, 18, unlicensed hawker, was fined $1 by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy yesterday.

J. B. Priestley May Be M.P.

Mr A. P. Herbert, M.P., who recently gave the postscript after the nine o'clock B.B.C. news in place of Mr J. B. Priestley, told his listeners that he is determined to get Mr Priestley into Parliament.

Mr Priestley's postscripts, given each Sunday for several weeks, have aroused considerable controversy. So has his action in starting his own pocket political—party, the "1941 Committee," the adherents of which are people who have listened to his broadcasts.

Mr Herbert, who is among Mr Priestley's critics, told his listeners:

"I have said before that I wish Mr Priestley and others like him would come into the House of Commons and help us, and I say it again, because I mean it in a friendly way, not as an impertinence but as a patriotic duty.

"There is no man so wise and fine that Parliament will not be good for him," added Mr Herbert.

H.K. LOAN BONDS

It is notified that drawings will take place on June 18 of bonds, to the value of one twenty-fifth of the amount issued, in the case of the Hongkong Dollar Loan of June 1934, and the Dollar Loan of June 1940, for redemption on July 15, 1941. The drawings will commence in the Urban Council Chamber at 3 p.m.

LATE NEWS

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Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, JUNE 4 (UP).—WELL INFORMED TRAVELLERS FROM SYRIA ESTIMATE THAT 25,000 SOLDIERS ACCOMPANIED THE FRENCH COLONEL COLLET IN HIS FLIGHT TO PALESTINE TO JOIN THE DE GAULLIST MOVEMENT. THE TRAVELLERS REPORTED THAT FRENCH PLANES ARE STILL ESCAPING TO PALESTINE WHILE FRENCH FIGHTER PLANES REMAIN PASSIVE DURING R.A.F. RAIDS ON SYRIA.

It is alleged that the native troops are strongly De Gaullist and there is but little prospect that the French will offer more than a token resistance. It is stated that there is an acute bread shortage which has accelerated the demoralisation throughout Syria.

GERMAN INFILTRATIONS

(By "Reuter" on the Syrian Frontier)

CAIRO, June 4.—Reports trickling over the frontier indicate that steady German infiltration of Syria continues by land, sea and air. Thrice weekly the Taurus express disgorges batches of approximately 50 Nazis while further Germans continue to arrive by plane at Syrian airports.

The latest reports indicate that more than 12 planes are arriving daily, many of which are fighters. Yesterday 150 troop-carriers landed at Rayak but for what purpose is unknown as all were empty.

Although the reports are unconfirmed, I believe that the 400 so-called wounded who recently landed at Beirut from a hospital ship are members of the Nazi Tank Corps, which has now taken control of French armoured cars and tanks which had lain idle for four months.

Coincidentally comes the news of the tightening of the Vichy iron grip. Any officers attempting to escape to Palestine are shot on the spot. This fact is proved by the news that two were shot yesterday while attempting to cross the border.

Revenge On Families

Furthermore the Army has been warned that if they attempt to escape their families will be imprisoned and their goods confiscated.

One who reached Palestine said that Senegalese were manning the frontier. They are mostly pro-British and now have ten Vichy officers to every 100 men. These officers are instructed that if any British attempt to cross the frontier to Syria, they must shoot.

Hotels Reserved

Although most of the Germans arriving in Syria disappear immediately to unknown destinations in the interior, three of the leading hotels in Beirut are reserved for Germans only. The majority of the Germans are selected for their knowledge of French. They are excellent linguists but their writing in the hotel registers reveals their nationality.

Those coming from Turkey inscribe via Aleppo instead of Alep, which is the true French version.

The majority of Frenchmen in Syria secretly express disgust at the German infiltration and understanding of the British suppression of the

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French Ports For Germans

Dakar Being Used As Submarine Base

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 4 (UP).—The "News Chronicle's" naval commentator lists six French naval bases which have been made available to the French and Germans under the Darlan-Hitler agreement, namely, Sete, Ville Franche, Beirut, Algiers, Casablanca and Dakar.

"Germany is already using Dakar as a submarine base and U-boats from there have practically blockaded the Cape Verde islands," he declared.

"Under the terms of the agreement Germany will be able to base surface raiders and warships there as well as at Casablanca thus threatening the great north and south trade routes of the Atlantic.

"Reuter" adds that if this report is borne out by developments, it is obviously of first-class importance.

Possession of Dakar would put German ships at a base where the

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Heavy Raids On Britain

Over Scattered Areas

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 5 (UP).—German raiders are coming from various directions over a scattered area in the Midlands and mainly from the west. Other raiders are over districts in the northeast and East Midlands.

It is understood that the raids are of considerable intensity and are progressing over two towns in the Midlands.

London is quiet and it appeared that only nuisance raiders were overhead or planes were passing over en route to the provinces. Raiders are reported in the vicinity of a northwest town and also over a southwest district at regular intervals.

Intense Attack

LONDON, June 5 (UP).—The raid on the West Midlands was the most intensive that area has experienced for some weeks. The raids started shortly after midnight and initially did not appear to be concentrated on any one point. Incendiary and high explosive bombs dropped on at least four towns in some of the country districts, damaging houses and causing some casualties. One town had a number of casualties including fatalities.

All Clear In London

LONDON, June 5 (UP).—The all clear signal was sounded in the London area at 3.30 a.m. after a long lull. So far as is known, London experienced her 25th bombless night.

U. S. SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

Nearly 70 Vessels Available

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—The Maritime Commission to-day ordered 14 Atlantic and Gulf Coast Line operators to make available to Britain 50 per cent of their tonnage. It is estimated that this will affect from 60 to 70 vessels of approximately 375,000 tons.

Ready To Man Ships

Informed sources to-day stated that the United States has crews ready to man immobilised foreign ships as soon as they are requisitioned under the bill which is now awaiting President Roosevelt's signature.

Government shipping officials are reported to be eager to see some of the ships operating because the transfer of merchantmen to Britain and the Army and Navy has seriously depleted the merchant marine.

Meanwhile, the Maritime Commission is expected to conclude agreements with several steamship lines within a few days to acquire freighters and passenger ships which are needed by the Army and Navy as transports and supply ships. The Navy is expected to man some of these so that the present crews would be free to serve on the requisitioned ships.

Merely Routine

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—The spokesman for the American President Lines to-day said that the Maritime Commission's announcement of ship transfers was merely routine confirmation of the action taken last week. He declared that the American President Lines would still retain the eight round the world vessels and several freighters which will continue to operate in the Pacific.

IRAQ OIL WELLS IN DANGER

Sabotage By Nazis Still Possible

By EDWARD BEATTIE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 4 (UP).—The British occupation of Mosul brought the suppression of the Iraqi unrest within one step of conclusion, but the final step involves the re-aligning of the oil fields around Kirkuk where the Germans and Iraqi rebels may have had time to do serious damage.

With Mosul in British hands, they again control the oil fields and pipelines towards Syria where the Germans are already penetrating. In order to reach Mosul, the British columns must have occupied Haditha where the lines branch at Baiji whence they cross the Tigris River. But if the damage at Kirkuk has been on a large scale, it is admitted that it may be a serious blow to the British and the Mediterranean fleet.

Mosul was presumably taken by a light fast move operating up the Tigris valley from Baghdad possibly part way by train. Mosul is the site of the ancient Nineveh, key oilfields. But presumably other columns are operating as fast as possible towards Kirkuk.

The impression in London is that the last Germans, chiefly airmen and technicians left Mosul several days

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U. S.—Japan Relations

Difficult, Admits Nomura

NEW YORK, June 4 (UP).—In a speech delivered at a dinner given by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce this evening, the Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura declared, "None can pretend that Japanese and American relations are free from difficult problems at the moment. Yet, it is my firm conviction that the Pacific must remain peaceful. It is quite clear that our countries have nothing to gain and everything to lose by armed conflict. Between Japan and America, the way of peace is the only way."

General Oryar paid tribute to Admiral Nomura and former Ambassador Saito and expressed the hope that the two Governments would "solve their outstanding problems."

Sun Spots & U. S. Entry Into War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, June 4 (UP).—The noted seismologist, Raffaecle Bendandi, exclusively announced to the "United Press" to-day that he had sighted three large groups of solar spots on the surface of the sun, adding that they are a prelude to the United States entry into the war and will have repercussions on general political and military developments.

BOULOGNE BLASTED

Fierce Action By The R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOLKESTONE, June 4 (UP).—Small forces of R.A.F. bombers, heavily escorted by fighters, blasted the Boulogne area at dusk to-day in the third attack of the evening.

The attack lasted only a few minutes but was exceedingly sharp, the bombers apparently hurling some of their biggest bombs as the roar of the explosions swept across the Channel, rocking the coast and shaking houses.

Opinion is rife that the R.A.F. must have spotted something of major importance at Boulogne due to the intensity with which the waves of bombers plastered the area throughout the evening.

During the attack, strong formations of British fighters screened a large proportion of the Straits.

Invasion Ports Raided

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

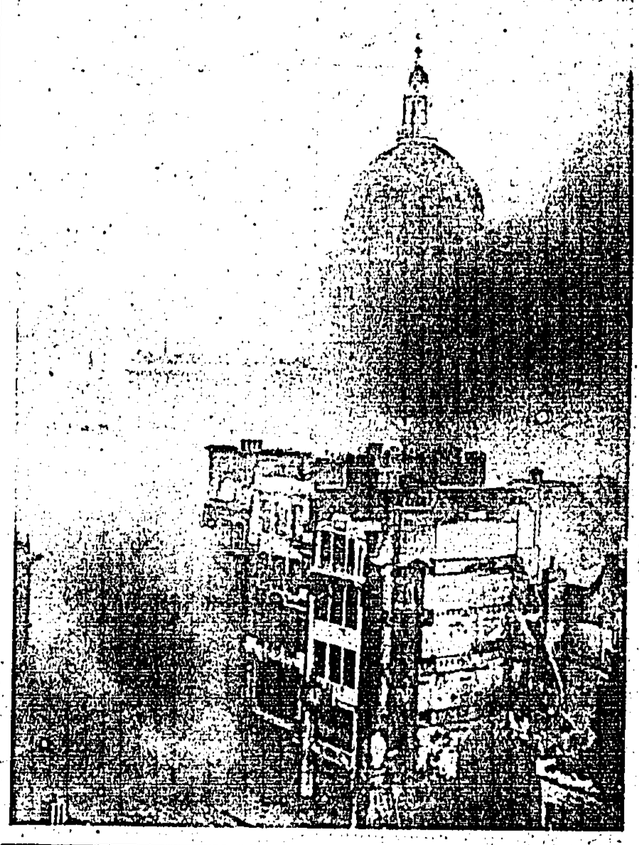
FOLKESTONE, June 4 (UP).—Heavy explosions across the mist shrouded Channel to-day indicated that the R.A.F. had attacked the northwest France invasion port area at least twice this afternoon.

The explosions which continued for quite some time, shook southeast England coast towns.

Mr K. S. Dsau of No. 7 Prince Terrace, second floor, Upper Levels, has reported to the Police that between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. yesterday an unknown person entered his flat and removed clothing valued at $120.

Not Bombs, But Dynamite

Big explosions have been shaking the City of London again, but not from Nazi bombs. It is part of the job of clearing up after a Nazi fire raid. Hundreds of Sappers and other workers are carrying out blasting operations and the walls of burnt-out buildings regarded as unsafe are blown sky high. This picture shows buildings being treated this way in the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral.



ENEMY CONVOY IS BROKEN UP

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—A "highly successful" aerial attack on an enemy convoy is recorded in the R.A.F. Middle East communique to-day.

It states: "As a result of reconnaissance carried out by Maryland aircraft, R.A.F. bombers yesterday attacked a convoy of enemy merchant vessels escorted by destroyers, which were proceeding southwards off the Tunisian coast.

"One ship of about 8,000 tons blew up with such tremendous force that flying debris hit and damaged other ships in the convoy. Debris also struck one of our bombers which crashed into the sea.

"Direct hits were also registered on another ship of about 5,000 tons in the convoy and it was left ablaze with columns of smoke pouring from amidships.

"Other vessels were damaged.

Malta

"An Italian three-engined aircraft was shot down by our fighters into the sea at Malta. The crew were last seen on the wing of their aircraft.

"While on reconnaissance flight off the island of Cephalonia, one of our aircraft attacked an Italian seaplane which was taxiing on the water and destroyed it.

Cirenaica

"In Cirenaica, South African fighters machine-gunned a number of enemy aircraft on the landing ground at Gambut, destroying three.

"Benghazi was raided during the night of June 2-3 and large fires were started on the moles and among military buildings.

Abyssinia

"Enemy positions in Abyssinia, particularly at Debarech, were attacked.

"From all these operations, one of our aircraft is missing, in addition to the one mentioned above.

"Two aircraft reported missing in the communiques of June 2 and 3 are now known to have returned safely to their bases."

R.A.F. Bomb Beirut

Petrol Dump Attacked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, June 4 (UP).—It is now revealed that the Royal Air Force has bombed Beirut, one of the principal Syrian ports.

The official statement on this action issued to-day is brief.

It merely states: "A petrol dump at Beirut in Syria was bombed and machine-gunned by our aircraft yesterday."

Gibraltar Evacuation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LA LINEA, June 4 (UP).—A transport sailed from Gibraltar to-day carrying 1,500 civilian evacuees, being escorted by two destroyers.

British naval and air forces are carrying out night defence drills. It is reported that the battleship Renown, two aircraft-carriers and Renown, two aircraft-carriers and now at Gibraltar.

How Interest Tax Will Apply In Hongkong

An explanation as to how the proposed Interest Tax, something new in Hongkong, will work was given by Mr A. G. Clarke, Commissioner of the War Taxation Department, at a Press Conference this morning.

The Interest Tax bill has not yet been before the Legislative Council and this information, obtained from the War Taxation Department, is given solely in an attempt to help the public.

Following are the particulars of the tax:

1.—It is payable by any person (including a partnership, body of persons or corporation) who borrows money (i) on a mortgage, bill of sale, or debenture and (b) for the purpose of his trade, profession or business and who pays interest on the loan.

2.—The tax at the rate say, of 14 per cent. on the interest paid, and is payable to the Commissioner of War Taxation at the same time as the interest is paid.

How to Pay Tax

For example, if you, as a borrower, have to pay a sum of $100 as interest, you must not pay the full amount to your creditor; you should pay him only $86, and you must pay the balance of $14 at once to the Commissioner of War Taxation. If you forget about Interest Tax, and pay the full amount of $100, you will still have to pay the tax of $14 to the Commissioner, but in this case you may recover this sum from your creditor.

3.—Your creditor has no claim against you for not receiving his full interest, but if he asks you must give him an account of the deduction you have made in the form of a certificate

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LATEST

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No N.E.I. Goods For Nazis, Says Kleffens

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—President Roosevelt conferred with Dr E. N. Van Kleffens, the Dutch Foreign Minister to-day.

Dr Van Kleffens stated that he had discussed many subjects with President Roosevelt and that the latter was impressed at the Netherlands East Indies' defences and morale.

The Doctor asserted that the N.E.I. had received nothing under the Lend and Lease programme, adding that he did not see any serious conflict between American procurement and the Japanese attempts to get war materials there.

"Japan, within reason, can have what can be spared," he declared. "We are a reasonable people, but we are against anybody acquiring a predominant position. The oil agreement with Japan worked out pretty well and it was renewed a few days ago for another six months. I do not think that the Japanese are quite satisfied but they are difficult to satisfy."

Dr Van Kleffens made it clear that the N.E.I. are taking precautions to see that none of their resources reach Germany via Japan although he asserted that he had no evidence so far that any supplies are reaching Germany.

The Netherlands Legation announced that Dr Van Kleffens is leaving for Chicago to-night and will then go to Canada as the guest of the Canadian Government and also to visit Princess Juliana. He will then return to Boston and New York from where he will fly to London.

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Messrs Dennis & Co., Ltd.	50
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Proceeds of Game, R.A.O. Depot, Ma Tau Kok	2.91
Mr I. H. C. Highet (fourth donation)	5
"Cent-a-day" Fund, Hok Un	8.17
"Bob's Farewell Party"	151.50
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Maro	50
European Y.M.C.A. Sewing Circle, Cent A Plane Gang. (In memory of our boys of the "Hood")	27.50
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European Y.M.C.A. Sewing Circle, Cent A Plane Gang. (fourth donation)	174.30
Mr Fung Wei Shing	100
"A Lost Bet"	5

The following monthly donations to the War Fund were also received yesterday:

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The Building Fund Committee of the School for the Deaf gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China, $5,000; the Hon. Mr and Mrs M. K. Lo, $200; Dr C. W. Leo, $100; Miss D. Shilston, $53; Miss U. M. Pope, $30, Miss Mabel Fan, $20; Mr Kwok, $50; Miss E. Wise, $30; Mr Eu Tong-sen, $2,000; Mr M. K. Lo, $100; the Hon. Mr Li Tse-fong, $100; Mr Ho Kam-tong, $100; Chinese Charities Fund, $1,000; Sir Robert Ho Tung, $500, Mr T. N Chau, $100; Mr Tang Shiu-kin $50; Mr Ngan Shing-kwan $50; Mr P. N. Chung, $20; His Excellency, Sir Geoffry Northcote, $150; Mr J. E. Joseph $500; Mr Kan Tung-po, $100; Bank of East Asia, $500; Bank of Canton, $500; China Emporium, $100; Staff of China Emporium, $50; Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co., $500; Miss L. Hollis, $5; Dr A. Cydenham, $; Mr and Mrs Goodban, $10; Mrs N. L. Smith, $20; Miss E. M. Gray, $50; Mr Angus, $5; Mr Jappo, $2; Mr Wells, $2.50; Sales per Mr and Mrs Wells, $0.50; Mr S. M. Churn, $100; Anonymous, $41; Rev. and Mrs E. Moreton, $10. Total, $12,102.

Donations may be sent either to the Principal of the School, 57, Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City, or to Mr M. K. Lo.

REFUGEE SCHOOLS

The Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation of $3,328.53 to the Refugee Camp Schools from the National Relief Commission of China.

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Headquarters gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following donations, which have been credited to the Annual Appeal for 1941:

Previously acknowledged, $6,354; Mr M. K. Lo $30; Messrs Davie, Boag & Co., Ltd, $50; Banque de l'Indo Chine, $25; Mr L. C. Baker, $10; Messrs Dodwell & Co., Ltd, $50; Messrs Thomson & Co., $30. Total $6,530.

The *S. C. M. Post* has received the following donations to the Salvation Army Food Kitchen:

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The Philippine Clipper has been further delayed by the unfavourable weather conditions in Manila, and is now expected to arrive here tomorrow.

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New Call To Our Youth

Schoolboy Volunteers For The Navy

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—Schoolboys and other young men may volunteer for the Navy, including the Fleet Air Arm, under the new "Y.U.N." scheme announced by the Admiralty.

They must have reached the age of 17, but will not be called for training until they are 18. Candidates accepted will be entered in the unpaid Navy Reserve and will continue schooling until called up.

They must have reached a certain educational standard or have served a year in the Junior Air Training Corps, Army Cadet or Sea Cadet Corps.

Temporary Commissions

Candidates can volunteer for training as a pilot or observer in the Fleet Air Arm, and if they satisfactorily complete the course of training will be granted temporary commissions in the Air Branch of the Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Candidates accepted as seamen can also be recommended for temporary commissions. Men already registered who wish to be pilots or observers in the Fleet Air Arm, if under 28, can volunteer under the scheme.

University students are eligible, and, if possible, will complete a course of study before called for naval training.

Pick-A-Back Plane Out Of Commission

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—Maia, the bottom half of the Mayo composite "pick-a-back" aircraft, has been a damaged and rendered unserviceable in a British harbour.

At the beginning of the war, the pick-a-back plane, which is one of the world's most expensive aircraft, was released to the Air Ministry for duty with the R.A.F. Coastal Command, but apart from a few special service flights she did not take to the air often.

The damage to the Maia breaks the partnership with the smaller upper half of the aircraft, the Mercury, which went into service with Imperial Airways before the war following non-stop flights across the Atlantic and to South Africa.

Mr Quo Tai-chi At Honolulu

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, June 4 (UP).—China's new Foreign Minister, Mr Quo Tai-chi, arrived here to-day by Clipper from San Francisco, en route to Chungking to assume his new post.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 9th day of June, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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5.45 **Indian Programme.**

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 **Dance Music.**

7 **London Relay—The News.**

7.15 **London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."**

7.30 **Variety.**

8 Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 **Banjo Music.**

Banjo Favourites—Intro: Stein Song; Valencia; Toy Drum Major.... Raymonde and His Band o' Banjos; Keyboard Kapers (Steele)....Mario de Pietro; Whistling Rufus (Mills); Temptation Rag (Lodge)....Raymonde and His Band o' Banjos.

8.15 **Studio—Local Newsletter.**

8.30 **Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor).**

Hungarian Csardas of George Nagy (Karoly); You are the Fellow, friend Tykody; My little velvet Hat; Oh! How long it seems....Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra; Can I Forget You (film "High, Wide and Handsome"); Sympathy (film "Firefly")....Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; The Last Drops—Waltz (Kratzl); The Blue Danube—Waltz (Joh. Strauss) ....Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra; Indian Love Lyrics—Kashmiri Song (Hope—Woodforde-Finden); Till I Wake (Hope—Woodforde-Finden).....Richard Tauber (Tenor) with piano; Bihari Waltzes (Bihari)....Magyari Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

9 **London Relay—The News and News Commentary.**

9.15 **Verdi's "La Traviata" Act III.**

9.45-10 **News in French (on Short Wave only).**

9.45 **De Falla—"Three Cornered Hat" Suite.**

The Neighbours—The Miller's Dance—Final Dance....New Light Symphony Orchestra cond.. by Dr Malcolm Sargent.

10 **London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."**

10.15 **Bach's Unaccompanied Sonata No. 3 in C Major and Two Piano Concerto in C Major.**

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin); Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and Karl Ulrich Schnabel (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

11 Close Down.

BRITISH PEACE AIMS APPROVED

LONDON, June 4 (UP).—The Labour Conference to-day endorsed the British peace aims by a memorandum vote of 2,413,000 to 30,000. The memorandum was issued exclusively from the domestic angle, avoiding all reference to international affairs, and proclaiming the intention to work for Socialism in Britain after the war.

Germans Rankled

BERLIN, June 4 (UP).—Authorised German quarters to-day termed as "nonsense" the Domei report from Rome that the Germans and Soviets have concluded a military alliance, adding "We should advise the Domei correspondent at Rome, before publishing such a report, first to consult the German and Russian representatives at Rome who could have told him that this was only nonsense."

Exploit Of Indian Manned Sloop In Red Sea Islands

SIMLA, June 4 (Reuter).—A sloop of the Royal Indian Navy was responsible for the capture of two Italian islands off Massawa and a small party from the same vessel chased and finally captured a party of Italian soldiers, including a Brigadier General and a Colonel, who tried to escape in a dhow.

A dispatch received here states that the R.I.N. sloop, commanded by an officer from Poona, who is the first Indian to hold a commission in the R.N.R., was ordered after the fall of Massawa to clean up the islands of Nocra and Dahlak, where the Italians were still in occupation.

Reinforced by three officers and 12 other ranks, the sloop proceeded to Nocra, where 900 Italians, Germans and Eritreans capitulated without the semblance of a fight.

A number of Abyssinian political prisoners were rescued from the island.

Desperate Party

Receiving information here that a party of Federales, well-armed and determined to resist to the death, had made off into the interior of the island of Dahlak, a party from the sloop, consisting of a political officer, two deck officers, two ratings, four soldiers and two guides set out to intercept the Federales.

After a long search across the sand dunes, they were unable to find the enemy but later the Italians were reported to have put to sea in a dhow in an effort to escape to the Yemen mainland across the Red Sea.

Pursuit In Dhow

The search party immediately commandeered a fast dhow and set off in pursuit. About noon the enemy was sighted and the R.I.N. party brought a machine-gun and four rifles to bear on the fleeing dhow.

The enemy surrendered without a fight. The "bag" included a Brigadier-General and a Colonel.

This adventure, the dispatch adds, was only one of many bold and skilful operations undertaken by the Royal Indian Navy during the naval co-operation with the Imperial land forces in the overthrow of Italian power in Eritrea.

Other Operation

These ships helped to open the coast road from Port Sudan leading down to Massawa, transported Indian, French, British and African troops to Mersa Taklai, improvised an operational base on the coast of Eritrea, continued to ensure an adequate supply of munitions, food and water to the troops and removed many hundred Italian prisoners as ballast on the return trips.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,315 n.
H.K. Banks £	75½ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	79 n.
Chartered £	8⅞ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23⅞ n.
Mercantile C. £	11¼ n.
East Asia $	71 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons $	220 n.
Union $	405 n.
China Underwriters $	1 n.
H. K. Fire $	176 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $	128 n.
Steamboats $	8 n
Indo-Chinas P. $	80 b
Indo-Chinas D. $	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	40/- n.
Waterboats $	6.55 n
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	86 n.
Docks $	14.70 b.
Provident $	5.10 sa.
S'hai Dockyards $	25¼ n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	11 n.
Raubs $	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1¼ cts. n
LANDS	
Hotels $	2.85 b.
Lands $	31 b
Lands 4% Debentures	97½ n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	13.00 n.
Humphreys $	6.40 n.
H.K. Realties $	2.70 b.
Chinese Estates $	99 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	15.95 b.
Peak Trams (old) $	x.d. 7 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	x.d. 3¼ n.
Star Ferries $	51¾ n.
Y. Ferries $	21.35 n.
China Lights (old) $	5.80 b.
China Lights (new) $	1½ n.
H.K. Electric (old) x rts $	22 n.
H.K. Electrics (new) $	20.85 b.
H.K. Electrics Rts $	11 sa.
Macao Electrics $	10½ b. & sa.
Sandakan Lights $ x.d.	11.60 n.
Telephones (old) $	22 sa.
Telephones (new) $	9¼ n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	30 n.
Cald: Mack. (Pref.), Sh. $	25 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	13¼ sa.
H.K. Ropes $	6.90 b. & sa.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms $	17¼ s.
Watsons $	9.60 sa.
Lane Crawfords $	7¼ n.
Sinceres $	2.15 n
Wing On (H.K.) $	39 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1½ n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	34¼ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	205 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1934)	94½ n.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	20 n.
Entertainments $	6¼ b
Constructions (old) $	1.60 n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	7.20 n
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	0/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/1½ n.

The exhibition of arts and crafts by Hongkong Schools, arranged by the Education Department, which opened yesterday, will be continued to-day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is a wide range of exhibits, and demonstrations and explanations are being provided by students.

Free French & British Attitude To Syria

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—Foreign reports of the presence of General de Gaulle in Jerusalem at the head of a Free French force are not officially confirmed in either Free French or British quarters in London, but they serve to emphasise the identity of interests between Free France and Britain in the Syrian question as in other matters.

Since General de Gaulle returned to Cairo about 11 days ago to be in close touch with developments in Syria and elsewhere, there has been no further news of his movements until to-day.

Meanwhile, the reported decision of the Vichy Government to defend the French Empire "single-handed" is significant in several ways.

The announcement seems to be designed to meet the charges which are being increasingly heard inside France that the French are not masters in their own house and the fact that such an announcement is thought necessary at present may doubtless be taken as a measure of the dissatisfaction felt in France and in the French Empire at Vichy's policy.

Subtle Designs

The phrase "single-handed" is doubtless German-inspired. It would pay the Germans well to lure the Vichy forces into single-handed hostilities while the German Army made its preparations leisurely and then make a dramatic entry at a propitious moment. But whatever phrases Vichy employs, the fact remains that her troops can fight only with German-made arms made in French factories now under German control.

Further reports from France of increasing attacks by night on German forces in Occupied France seem to suggest increasing dissatisfaction among loyal Frenchmen at German control there.

Morocco & Syria

The knowledge that German military activity is in full flood both in Morocco and Syria will certainly do little to allay this resentment.

Evening papers in London emphasise that the testing time in the Mediterranean is drawing near. The "Star" declares. "The stage is set for a mighty struggle on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean. The Axis strategy is to strike down through Syria and Palestine on one side and from Libya on the other.

"Reverses in Greece and Crete should not make us forget that we owe the chief successes of our arms in this war to General Wavell's skill.

Testing Time Near

"The testing time is drawing nearer. The valour and quality of our fighting men have been proved in many fierce encounters against heavy odds. The least they deserve is every support in machines and equipment that our workshops can give them, coupled with the resolve on the part of our High Command to abandon all old-fashioned notions of strategy, tactics and technique.

"The Germans are likely to stake everything on a decision this summer before American help becomes an avalanche. Hitler is thinking in terms of total war, of a lightning war and of 100 per cent. effort. Our watchword must be "All Out""

U.S.A. Will Approve

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—There is no doubt that whatever steps Britain is forced to take in Syria she will have the whole-hearted approval of the United States as press and public continue their denunciation of the Darlan policy.

In a trenchant editorial, the "Washington Post" says that if Darlan's remarks mean anything, France is prepared not only to kiss the rod which beat her but to wield it against the nation to which her people must look for their salvation.

It goes on to say that Hitlerism is America's declared enemy and that France cannot be a friend of Germany and also of the United States.

Significance Of Winant Report

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—The veil of secrecy which has shrouded the visit to Washington of Mr John G. Winant, the United States Ambassador to Britain, was partly lifted this evening when Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said at a press conference that the state of international danger to the United States was the subject of his conference with Mr Winant yesterday.

He added that they spent much time going over the United States policy generally in relation to the international situation.

Mr Winant is expected to confer again with President Roosevelt to-day.

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The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th May. ....June 5.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, June 10..........June 17.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Thursday, June 5

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K. P. O.
Reg. ....June 5, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. ....June 5, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.
Reg. ....June 5, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. ....June 5, 7.00 p.m.

Friday, June 6

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. ....June 6, 4 p.m.
Ord. ....June 6, 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.
Reg. ....June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....June 17, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. ....June 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....June 17, 7 p.m.

Aiding China's Blinded Soldiers

CHUNGKING, June 4 (Central News).—Mr Hermann Becker of the Famine Orphanages and Evangelistic Bands in Chihkiang, Hunan, who has been a missionary in China for over 30 years, is helping about 300 Chinese soldiers who have lost their sight to read and write. He has secured the services of two teachers to teach them the Mandarin Braille Union System.

Mr Becker, care of the China Inland Mission, Chihkiang, Hunan, will be glad to receive any books which have been printed in the Mandarin Braille Union System for use of the blind soldiers.

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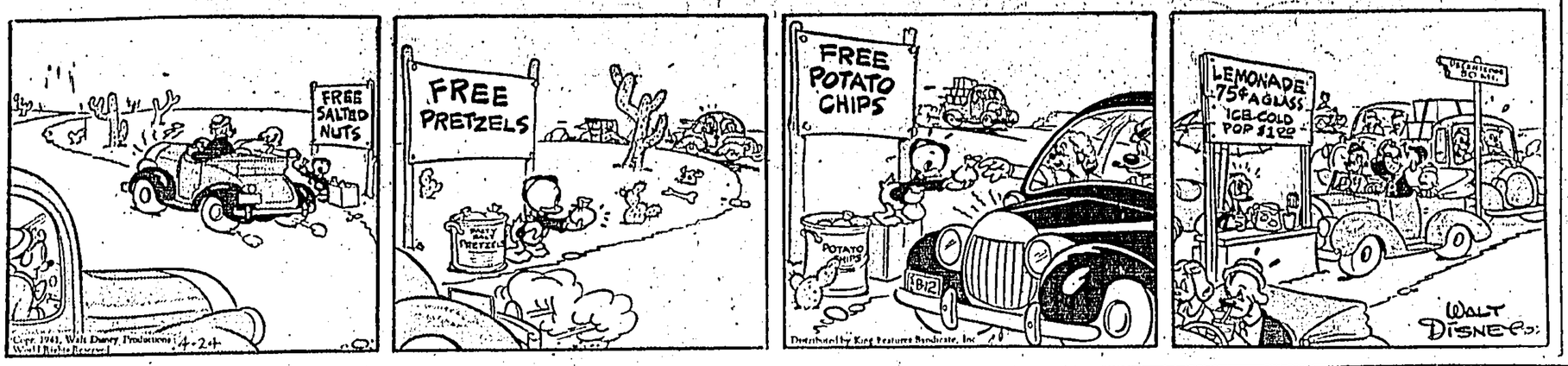
DONALD DUCK By Walt Disney



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CONTRACT BRIDGE
How to Play AND How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Two Chances Instead of One

THERE is one combination of cards that consistently escapes the attention of almost all players. That is the A-Q-9 of a suit. Usually, this holding produces two tricks only when a successful finesse can be made to the queen. But there is another possibility—illustrated in the hand shown below—and I heartily commend it to my readers' attention.

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

	♠ K Q 7 6 4 3 ♡ 8 5 ◇ 10 7 ♣ 8 6 4	
♠ J ♡ K 6 3 ◇ K J 5 2 ♣ A K 7 5 3	N W E S	♠ — ♡ J 10 7 4 2 ◇ Q 9 6 4 3 ♣ Q J 2
	♠ A 10 9 8 5 2 ♡ A Q 9 ◇ A 8 ♣ 10 9	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Dble.	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North's bid was a stretch, but not illogical considering his fear of any bid from the opponents.

West opened the club king, and East followed suit with the queen. The ace of clubs was cashed, and a third round played, which South ruffed. A low spade lead to the queen cleared up the trump situation, and a heart was then played to the queen. West won and, mentally tossing a coin between a heart and diamond return, chose the former. Declarer could not avoid the loss of a diamond for the setting trick.

Declarer had overlooked a splendid opportunity. After taking out the opponents' only trump he should have seen there was no hurry about the heart finesse. The logical play was to lead a heart from dummy and to play the *nine* from the closed hand. As it happened, West would have had to use his heart king on the nine and the contract would have become a laydown. But even if West had been able to win with a minor honour, he still would have had to guess whether to return a heart or a diamond. The former, of course, would relieve declarer of any worry. True, if the nine lost to the ten and a diamond were returned, then if declarer entered dummy and finessed to the heart queen and lost, he would go down an extra trick, but surely that extra fifty points could have no bearing on the best way to play the hand. Finesses, necessary or not, should be deferred as long as possible.

To-morrow's Hand

Match-point duplicate.
South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

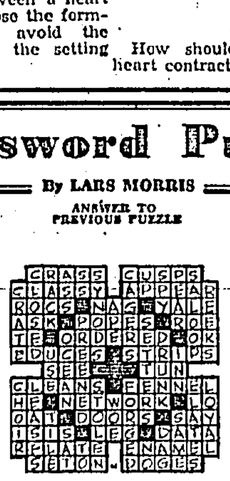
	♠ A K ♡ A 8 4 3 ◇ K 8 6 5 3 ♣ J 6	
♠ Q 10 8 5 3 ♡ 6 5 2 ◇ 10 2 ♣ 9 8 7	N W E S	♠ J 7 6 4 ♡ Q J ◇ 9 7 4 ♣ A 5 4 2
	♠ 9 2 ♡ K 10 9 7 ◇ A Q J ♣ K Q 10 3	

How should South play his six heart contract. Opening lead a club.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

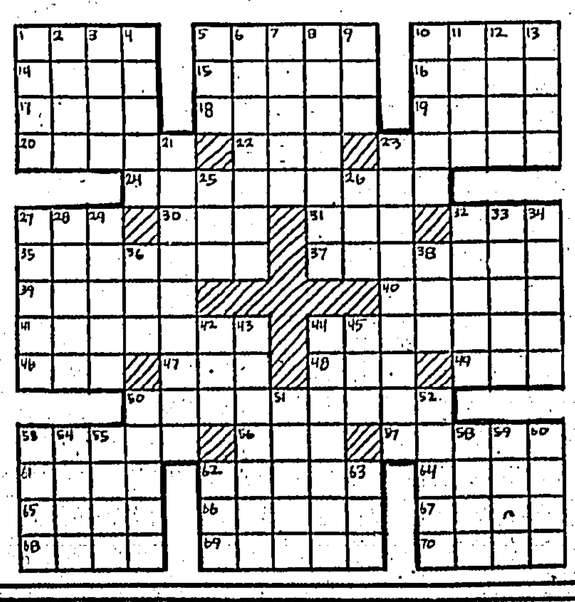


ACROSS

1—Inviter of guests
6—Stalks
10—Philippine native
14—Combining form: high
15—Oil open space
16—Among
17—Legal claim of property
18—Remain in same place
19—Natural drift
20—Theme for discussion
22—Kind of glove
23—Refers to specifically
24—Kind of lizard
27—Mineral spring
30—Alcoholic drink
31—Addition to house
32—Termite
35—Sidewise
37—Winged sandals of Mercury (Latin)
39—Ring-shaped coral island
40—Receives as recompense
41—Overhanging
44—Remembers with longing
46—Point of compass
47—Pedal digit
48—First name of "Arabian Nights" character
49—Definite article
50—Red chalcedony
53—Black bird
56—Salt
57—Discordant, audible vibration
61—Prestage
62—Strict
64—Most proficient (col.)
65—Six and four (pl.)
66—Necessary item of bowling equipment
67—English public school
68—Prefix: before
69—Aquatic birds
70—Satisfy fully

DOWN

1—Stop
2—Medley
3—Pace
4—Philippine thorn
5—Heated
6—Entangle
7—Affected by fear
8—Bird of swallow variety
9—Cunning
10—Morning (French)
11—Leave out of consideration
12—Be transported
13—Short poems
21—Quack
23—College student
25—Armpit
26—Utmost hyperbole
27—Strikes with flat of hands
28—Tops of heads
29—Propitiate
32—Arrest (French)
33—Pitcher's usual position in batting order
34—Small cup (French)
36—Antiquity
38—River in Switzerland
42—And not
43—Pertaining to pulling
44—Summons up
45—Yale
50—Perfume with incense
51—Ten dollar coin
52—Short letters
53—Musical instrument
54—So be it
55—Breather hole
58—Particle
59—Location
60—Saxon serf
62—Piece of cloth
63—Color



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War-Shocked Children Get a New Start

In a recuperation centre at Hampstead, four miles from London, 40 of the most pathetic child victims of bomb warfare are being given a second chance at normal childhood. The centre is run by Anna Freud, daughter of the late Sigmund Freud, originator of psycho-analysis. It is a home and a clinic.

To the children who live there, the war was only one more trouble in an already troubled world. They are children from London's poorest families, and life was difficult even before the bombs came. Most of the children were brought to the centre by social workers who found them in hospitals or shelters. Many are physically ill, all of them emotionally upset.

The centre is housed in a three-storey, ivy-covered building that was formerly a private house. The furnishings are bright and cheerful and the rooms are arranged so that mothers sometimes can stay with their children. Although Hampstead is a quiet suburban community, it is not overlooked during air raids; so the cellar of the house has been made into a bomb shelter with a nurse in permanent attendance.

Make Up War Games

Everything is planned to make the children feel at home. Dancing, singing and drawing are the most important activities because these things are part of every child's normal play and most of the children are too nervous to concentrate on anything more demanding. Too often the drawings and games which the children devise for themselves have to do with war and bombing. Anna Freud gives them new games to play.

Many of the mothers, their lives disordered by war and poverty, need help as much as the children. The centre tries to give them jobs so that they can be near their children.

Anna Freud's staff is well equipped to help her. Most of them were with her in her clinic in Vienna and, like her, are refugees. They are working to prevent more cases like the little Spanish boy who is so badly shocked that he is unable to dress himself or to speak. He has to be led about and he stares blankly at a world he doesn't understand.

Anna Freud's work is a small drop in a big bucket but it's a very important drop. Her studies will form a basis for scientific attempts to make useful citizens out of uprooted, war-shocked children.

Supported By Americans

The centre costs $500 a month and is supported by the American division of the Foster Parent Plan.

The Foster Parent Plan was organised by the author, J. B. Priestley, during the Spanish War. The object of the Plan was to take care of children made homeless by the war, and its first colonies were in Spain. When Republican Spain was defeated, the Plan moved children and colonies to France. When France fell, it moved again, this time to England. The Plan operates eight children's colonies in England. It takes care of 4,000 children and will take others as fast as it can.

The money comes from "foster parents"—people who agree to pay $10 a month for the support of an "adopted" child. Ten dollars doesn't sound like much, but with careful planning and bulk buying it does a surprising lot. This kind of fund raising has two advantages. People give more easily to support a specific child and it is good for the child to feel that some one is interested in him personally.

Originally the Plan's supporters were people of all nationalities. Now, though, almost all the money comes from the U. S. A. The American division of the Plan has sent $91,718 to England since the war began.

Too Scared To Smile

The Plan hopes to open two new colonies in England soon. One of them will be run by Anna Freud, putting 60 more children in her care—if 60 more foster parents can be found.

One of the most pathetic children is four-year-old Rosemary Redgrave. She and her mother lost their small flat in one of London's worst bombings. Rosemary had been in a hospital suffering from hysteria before her mother and a social worker brought her to Anna Freud. Her mother, too upset to talk, begged the social worker to answer Miss Freud's questions for her. She didn't want to leave the child, but she realised that Rosemary needed a doctor's help.

Rosemary walks in a curious way, due to her nervous condition. She has a sad little face with big eye-glasses, behind which she squints badly and probably unnecessarily. She is very much underweight. She wants to be friendly, tries to smile, but more often bursts into tears. Rosemary wants to cooperate, but at the moment her difficulties are too great for her. She will need a lot of special care and loving treatment.

—Ann Henry

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"I'm taking the valuable things in the taxi—You can ride with the movers!"

Poles Sold Like Slaves In Austria

POLISH labourers are being put up to auction and bought and sold in the public market like slaves, according to reliable information reaching London.

Scenes reminiscent of the Middle Ages are taking place daily in Graz, Klagenfurt, Wolfberg, and other parts of Austria to which the labourers are forcibly transported in droves of 50 to 500.

The victims are exposed publicly to the view of representatives of the German labour office and local farmers, who compete with each other for the best bargain.

Successful bidders have to make a symbolic payment of fifteen marks to the "Winter Help" or "Soldiers Comforts Fund."

Poles working in Austria wear a large letter P on their clothes. They may not go to church, cinema, theatre, restaurant or public meeting.

Jews in Cracow were told they must leave "voluntarily." By August last 26,000 had gone. Then 32,000 more were compulsorily evacuated.

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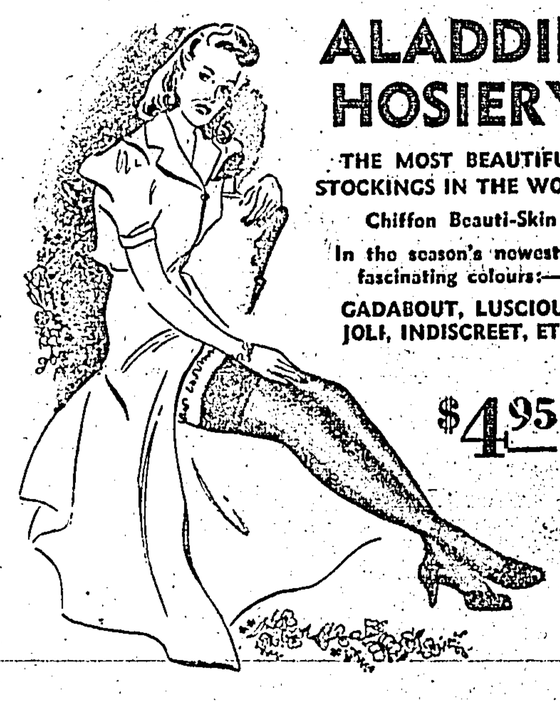

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"*I don't like the way you say 'not after last night.' I detect a certain envy in the tone — a certain undercurrent of bitterness. You ought to be overjoyed to see me absolutely bristling with joi-de-vivre.*"

"I merely marvel at your powers of recovery."

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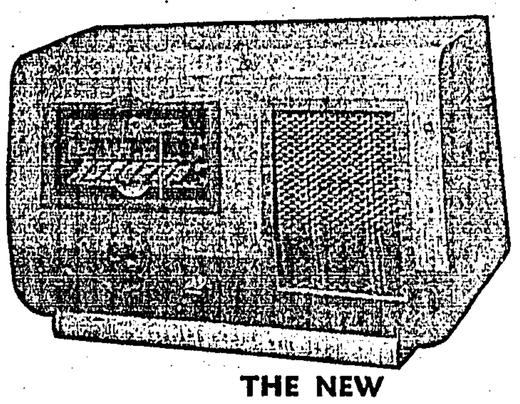

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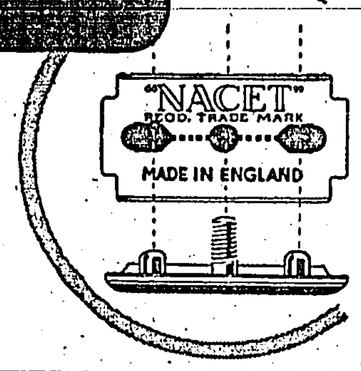

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GLANCE AT SYRIA

THERE seems to be no doubt that the next phase of military operations will decide the fate of Syria, the French-controlled Arab state which breaks the Allied front in the eastern Mediterranean.

Turkey, whose own destiny is intimately wrapped up with this anticipated action is making appeals for Britain to move which sound almost desperate. Well the Turks know that if the Nazis establish themselves in Syria as they have already done on the former Turkish-Greece border Turkey is likely to become another Sweden—a country with nominal independence only until such time as Hitler has time or the inclination to assert full sovereignty over it.

Considering that as recently as 634 A.D. Syria was part of the Roman Empire it is surprising that Italy has not already made claims to incorporate the territory. For four centuries until the end of the Great War the country was part of the Ottoman Empire. It was then handed over to French mandate and, following Great Britain's example when independence was granted Iraq, the French concluded a treaty with the Syrian and Lebanese republics in 1936 under which full independence would be granted to the Arab states in three years.

Syria, however, is not a homogeneous ethnic state, the population including Arabs, Turks, Armenians and Christian Lebanese. The French divided the country into five regions roughly according to racial borders. These were Arab-Syria, Christian Lebanon, the semi-nomadic Jebel Druse, the coastal territory of Latakia and the Sanjak of Alexandretta. The last named had also a special status with its important position on the border of Turkey and its mixed population. Full independence in 1940 would have left the former Ottoman Empire colony divided into four separate republics, but the treaty was never fulfilled because France feared to lose her hold in the Middle East.

An early problem was that of the Sanjak of Alexandretta now called Hatay, which, thanks to Turkish persistence, was ceded to her just before the outbreak of war by the French who had experienced considerable opposition to their mandate there—as indeed they have throughout all Syria.

The Arab world has no love for the French and, it must be admitted, little for the Turks. Britain's record is much brighter, especially of recent years and brutality, intolerance and pride have never marred our relations with the Arabs. Syria has been ruled by decree since July, 1939, when the Arab President of Syria resigned because of the impossibility of forming a stable government while the Franco-Syrian treaty was unfulfilled.

The Germans may well offer Syria complete independence over Vichy's head on condition of their co-operation against Britain but it is doubtful if the Arab leaders would fall for this guile. A bold move by Britain now may well anticipate the enemy's plans before they can fructify and thus keep clean what will otherwise be a very bloody page in Syria's history.

Coastal Command has flown— 25 million war miles

MY visit to the great hive of activity which comprises the administrative and operational side of the Coastal Command was an illuminating experience.

I saw harmonious and efficient co-operation between the Command and the Admiralty.

A place in this headquarters is also allotted to the Army, for liaison duties, which will become really active if we have to repel or undertake an invasion.

At the head of the Command is Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill, a hardy ex-naval officer and sailing-master, and an artist in the handling of men and affairs.

He has reaped to the full the reward of all the hard work he put into the preparation of his Command for war. We all remember with gratitude how instantly and perfectly the Coastal Command went into action in September, 1939.

It had to meet the first of the phases into which this war divided itself—and, to those who have studied these changes, it has been satisfying to observe how quickly and thoroughly each new phase has been dealt with.

To enter the great new central room and to see on its walls the vast mass of information which springs to the eye, is to understand how closely and with what supreme efficiency our whole great sea plan is controlled.

Vast Sweep

The area of this plan, which extends from the northernmost extremities of Norway to the Straits of Gibraltar, vividly brings home the vast sweep of air power.

Movements of ships and aircraft—British, Allied, neutral and enemy—are plotted.

Constant consultations take place on the steps which may be necessary to deal with any situation.

The planning is done in each case by expert members of the services.

It almost made one sorry for our enemy to see the toils of intelligence — thinking machine—enmeshing him in its destructive grip.

On the staff of the Coastal Command are experienced submarine commanders and active sea officers from surface ships, all taking their part and collaborating in the planning and thinking brain of the Coastal Command.

They are continuously thinking up and devising fresh schemes to defeat each fresh move of our active and often courageous enemy.

To realise how hard this thinking organisation must have been worked, it is only necessary to recall how, phase by phase, the war from the sea point of view has steadily become more difficult for us to deal with.

This difficulty has been caused by the gradual increase of coastal areas in Europe held by the enemy.

In the first phase, when the enemy was confined to the pre-war German frontiers, their only sea exits were from the Heligoland Bight and the entrances to the Baltic.

During this period we were able to control the exits and entrances, not only of their submarines, but also of their surface ships.

Raiders Foiled

I believe it to be a fact that the Germans made a number of attempts to get out surface raiders but were foiled by the vigilance of the Coastal Command, working in every instance in conjunction with the Navy.

The second phase of the war came when the Germans took over Denmark and invaded Norway.

This phase, although giving them much wider sea entrances to the Atlantic, still remained very much under our control until they had started really to establish themselves in Norway.

The third phase, when the enemy overran Holland, Belgium and France, added to our difficulties enormously.

From now on, it was quite impossible to cover closely all the enemy's sea exits to the Atlantic.

Fourth Phase

The fourth phase, which is now in being, is of course the most difficult of all, because the enemy has established and organised his bases of operation throughout the whole western coast of Europe with the exception of Spain and Portugal.

Looking back on the history of the war, it is most remarkable how, without dismay, the Admiralty and the Coastal Command have accepted in their stride the increasing difficulty of the situation with which they have been faced.

This command has three main functions: to assist the Admiralty in the blockade of the enemy; to defeat the enemy by countering their attempt to blockade us; and to safeguard this country from surprise invasion.

To enable them to achieve these needs, the command is divided into groups corresponding and working closely with the naval commands.

It has also a training group, because its specialised and diversified duties require a training which is additional to that normally given by the Royal Air Force.

These groups control stations which are located all round the coasts of England and Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Western Isles, Shetlands, Iceland and Gibraltar.

The duties of this ring of stations entail convoy protection, sea reconnaissance, enemy harbour reconnaissance, anti-submarine patrols by day and night, aircraft patrols for enemy aircraft, attacks on enemy shipping and naval land targets, photography, both over the sea and over the land near the sea, protection of the fishing fleets and lightships from air attack, mine-laying, and torpedo dropping.

They employ all types of boat aircraft—the Sunderland, the Lerwick and the Stranraer; the long-range bombers, such as the American Hudson; and various other types of bombers and fighters for special jobs.

They are now being reinforced by the American P.B.Y. flying-boats and Flying Fortresses.

Web-Footed

One of the most important functions of the Command Headquarters is to appraise the standard of navigational training and seamanship which its personnel reach before it allows them to take a part in actual operations.

They have to be experts in the special subjects of coding, ship recognition and visual signalling, besides the widest possible knowledge of seamanship in all its forms.

They have also to be picked for their endurance because of the length of their patrols, which may extend up to 12 to 15 hours.

As they put it in the Command: "They must become web-footed."

An interesting sidelight on the strenuous job of the flying personnel of this command is that they regard the ferrying of new bombers across the Atlantic as a pleasant rest.

The command must have the greatest confidence in the navigating skill of its personnel, as normally the boats or aeroplanes when out on patrol have to maintain a wireless silence to prevent the enemy from knowing they are in their vicinity.

This means that their dead reckoning and astronomical navigational standards must be very high.

Greatest Problem

The greatest problem the command has to deal with is the convoy problem. To be able to cope with it they have to know exactly where each ship is and where each of our submarines is.

The same applies to the enemy submarines, if possible. It is one long fight between the air—backed by the Navy—and the enemy U-boat.

The main purpose of the Coastal Command is more to inform the Navy of the position of the enemy U-boat than actually to attempt itself to destroy the enemy—although in many cases it has successfully gone into action.

Normally, the Air Force provides the information, and the Navy the bite.

In actual fact, the coastal aircraft had carried out by the end of 1940 over 198 attacks on U-boats, having sighted and reported them 274 times.

During the same period they had carried out 104 attacks on enemy warships, and 277 attacks on enemy merchant vessels.

To do this they had to fly 161,000 hours, which represents a distance of about 25,000,000 miles, or nearly a third of the distance to the sun.

During this time they have convoyed over 2,000 convoys, containing more than 40,000 ships and totalling about 200,000,000 tons.

As a variation from the U-boat menace, the Germans are now more and more intensively developing the use of their Focke-Wulf Condor long-range bombers for attacking our shipping.

At present these bombers are not such a serious threat as the U-boat because they are not used in very large numbers, but they could easily become so if uncountered.

Our Life-Line

The defeat of these craft is a problem which is very actively engaging the thinking brain of the Coastal Command, and no doubt they will be more and more efficiently countered as time goes on.

There is always a counter to every form of offence.

In our Bomber Command we cannot operate under conditions of widespread fog, but in the Coastal Command the need for convoying and for reconnaissance never ceases, and the result has been that the Coastal Command has had to operate in all weathers.

I believe it to be true that only for seven hours on one day since the war started has no Coastal aircraft been air-borne.

This gives some measure of the service our active flying personnel are giving their country, and also of the strain on not only the C.-in-C. but all his Staff.

Yet to meet any of these men is to realise that they are thriving on, and enjoying, their testing and very fruitful lives.

If our life-line, the Atlantic sea route, were to be cut, we should be defeated. Therefore, it is no exaggeration to say that on their efficiency and endurance rests the continuity of the British Empire.

In these qualities we can have full confidence.

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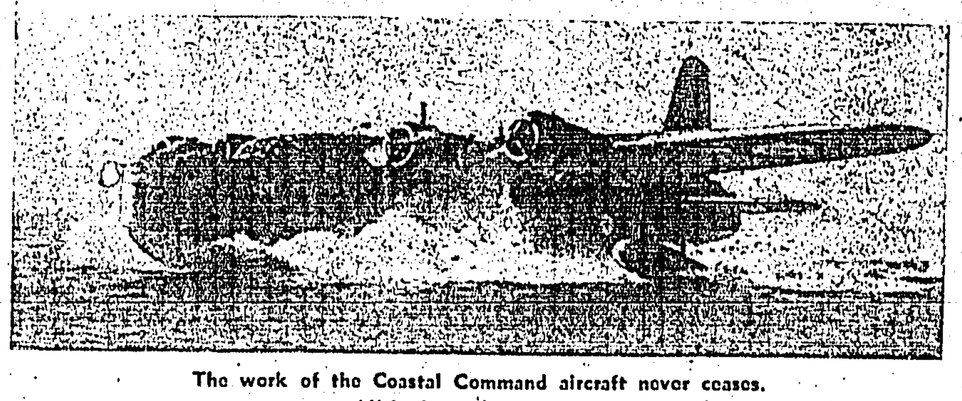

The work of the Coastal Command aircraft never ceases.

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Private Life of a Private

The Meaning Of "Jankers"

Another instalment of one of the most popular and widely-copied features in wartime journalism. The author, a writer now in the Army, gives readers intimate glimpses of life in the ranks to-day.

TWO mornings ago, when Reveille sounded, an extraordinary thing happened.

The youth whom we call Dozy leapt out of bed with a muffled shriek, and dragged on his fatigue overalls; crammed his boots chockful of feet; slapped a cap on his head, and was out of the hut like streak.

Now Dozy is a man whom nothing seems to arouse. He can sleep like a two-toed sloth. His brain scarcely functions before eleven o'clock, when soup is served.

Dozy is what Sergeants call an Idle Man.

* * *

WE looked at one another. A bugle sounded Defaulters:—

You, can be a Defaulter as long as you like.

As long as you answer your name. . . .

Then the Lad from the Elephant and Castle said: "Ain't you 'eard? 'E's got Jankers!"

Jankers is an army word which means Confinement to Barracks.

The Tall Boy from Sunderland said to a Sergeant: "Exayuctly what hayuppens when you get C.B.?"

"Nothing much," said the Sergeant. "It means to say you're confined to barracks. Dozy's got five days now.

"And for ten days after that he loses his privileges—can't be out after ten o'clock.

"Then begain old Dozy'll do drills in marching order, every afternoon.

"He'll be inspected by the officer, and if he isn't properly cleaned up and dug out, he'll be for it.

"You see, it just won't pay him to be idle. He'll have to liven his 'ideas up or he'll be in trouble all the time."

"But," said the Lad, "Just say 'e don't care. Say 'e simply keeps on toking it, and coming on parade just any old 'ow, and missing parades. What "ap-pens?"

"What happens?" said the Sergeant. "Why if he keeps on being ide, and insubordinate, and dirty—why, then, he'll probably go to the Glass House for twenty-eight days."

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"IS that where people live who mustn't throw stones?" asked the Good Boy from Godalming.

"It's the Military Prison," said the Sergeant. "You go there for detention.

"You get hard work, dirty fatigues, real honest-to-God chasings on the Square several hours a day, no smoking, no time to yourself, and you do everything at the double.

"I've seen soldiers go in the Glass House like lions and come out like lambs.

"Punishments, in the ordinary run of things, are designed simply to liven you up—like C.B.—to bend you, fairly gently, to the required shape. But if you don't bend—why, you break. . . .

"Now, then, Ginger, get them blankets straight or you'll drop a big one on Room Inspection!"

* * *

GINGER rearranges his blankets; and Dozy returns.

It seems to some of us that his leaden eyes are a little brighter—more alert—the eyes of a man who is listening, expecting something he dares not miss. . . .

Nazi Terrorism Finds Its Way Into Greece

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—Ignoring German threats, the inhabitants of the Greek town of Levadia, 60 miles northwest of Athens, began unloading a goods train carrying supplies which had been seized in that area.

It is authoritatively learned here that the German Police opened fire and killed and wounded many persons, including women and children.

Following this incident, the German Kommandatur ordered the shooting of anybody attempting to approach goods trains or warehouses.

Emergency measures have been decreed in Athens and hundreds of citizens are being sent to courts-martial there to receive the death penalty.

Not Downhearted

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—Utter confidence in final victory is expressed by the Greek Prime Minister, Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos, in a message to the Greek people "because God and right are with us and Greece cannot die."

The message continues: "The struggle continues. At the side of our great Allies, Greek regiments, warships and aeroplanes are reorganising to fight the enemy wherever he may be in order to liberate Greece. One million Greeks scattered in the four corners of the world are collaborating with all their strength. Our one aim is to win. We shall win."

Catholic Service For Britain In New York

NEW YORK June 4 (Reuter).—Many distinguished persons were present at a Solemn Pontifical Mass held at St Patrick's Cathedral for the people of Britain to-day.

Lord and Lady Halifax, Mr. Wendell Willkie, Governor Lehmann of New York State, Archduke Otto and Mr and Mrs Joseph Kennedy were among those who attended, and there were also representatives of South Africa, Canada, Australia and India.

Archbishop Spellman in the course of a striking address said "the governments of man have Stuka-dived into paganism, strafed the Ten Commandments and bombed the Sermon on the Mount." He read a cable from Cardinal Hinsley thanking the American people for their help.

The Reverend Philip Furlong, President of the Cathedral College of New York, in the course of his sermon said that the bombing of Westminster Abbey had "produced in most Americans a special sense of injury."

German-American Bund Closed

TRENTON, N.J., June 4 (Reuter).—Four stormy years of waving swastika flags and shouting "Heil" at Camp Nordland came to an end on Wednesday with the sale of the Camp and the surrender of the Charter of the German-American Bund in New Jersey.

The Bund's counsel revealed that the camp was sold for $23,500 to 217 individual mortgagees, and the Charter returned to the Secretary of the State a few hours after New Jersey State Legislature had passed a law repealing the Charter.

Lifeboat Rescues During May

LONDON, June 4 (British Wireless).—May has been the quietest month for the Lifeboat Service since the war began.

Boats were launched 50 times to vessels in distress and 27 lives were saved.

These were three times as many launches and twice as many lives saved as the average for May in the years of peace.

Addicts Executed

LAIYANG, June 3 (Central News).—Convicted of violation of the Anti-Opium Law, Wan Ming-tseh and Chen Pien-chih were executed yesterday by order of the Hunan Provincial Government which has been taking stern measures to extirpate the opium evil in the province since the beginning of the year.

Cyprus Prepares For Assault

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NICOSIA, Cyprus, June 4 (UP).—Reports state that the populace of Cyprus is leaving for the countryside while British force are prepared to meet a possible German invasion.

The general belief is that the Germans will find Cyprus more difficult to conquer than Crete.

STORAGE OF FOOD

American Defence Conference

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—Defence officials are scheduled to hold conferences with experts from the Philippines, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and possibly Alaska in order to accelerate plans for the storage of emergency food.

It is understood in reliable sources that Senor Joaquin Elizalde, the Philippine Resident Commissioner, acting under orders from Manila, has already begun a considerable programme of food purchases through the Philippine purchasing office in New York for shipment to Manila on the earliest available freighters.

A representative of the Hawaiian Pineapple Company arrived in Washington to confer with defence officials and delegate Samuel King concerning warehouse space for food storage in Hawaii. It is understood that the company has proposed to build a $500,000 warehouse and intends to file a "certificate of necessity" with the War Department which would automatically place the warehouse at the disposal of the War Department for whatever use is deemed essential. In return the company would be permitted to amortise the cost of construction in tax reductions over a five year period.

The problem of warehouse storage continued to be the most difficult aspect of the general question of food resources in off-shore areas. Since most of the areas are in the tropics, it was believed that it would be necessary to find special types of storage facilities.

STRIKES IN AMERICA

Some Works Only Partly Affected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—Nearly 3,000 American Federation of Labour metal trade unionists have entered the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Yards and 3,000 others have reported to the Moore Drydocks in Oakland while A.F.O.L. machinists remain on strike.

Operators stated that the work could be continued for two or three months without the machinists. The latter will vote to-night whether to accept the Senate proposal to return to working pending arbitration of their wage demands.

The Congress of Industrial Organisation machinists who are striking in six other plants had previously rejected the proposals.

The Federal Mediation Board will meet the United Mine Workers and the southern soft coal operators late to-day and expects a final answer to its settlement proposals. The Secretary of Labour, Miss Francis Perkins, to-day certified to the Mediation Board the threatened strike in Cleveland of the Aluminum Company of America.

The United Automobile Workers and the North American Aviation Company to-day opened direct conferences, striving to halt the threatened walkout of 11,300 workers at Inglewood, California.

Warehousemen Quit

NEW YORK, June 4 (Reuter).—Millions of dollars' worth of defence materials for Britain have been immobilised here by a strike of 1,400 warehouse workers in New York warehouses. The strikers are demanding an increase in wages.

Rationing Of Clothes

LONDON, June 4 (British Wireless).—The general system of clothes rationing just introduced into Britain is very much the same as the German, according to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, both being based on freedom of spending by coupons and mainly having no relation to the price paid for the articles.

The point of difference is that boots and shoes are not included in the German special rules under which a permit is needed and, owing to the leather shortage, is not easy to obtain.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Manila	.48¼
T.T. Batavia	.45¼
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T.T. Switzerland	102½
T.T. Australia	1/6½
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4 m/s L/C London	1/3½
4 m/s D/P London	1/3⅝
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	.25
4 m/s France	—
30 d/s India	.84⅝
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03¼

Accountant Remanded

Fernando Antonio Ozoria, 33, accountant of the Central Meat Supply Company, Windsor House, was charged before Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning with the fraudulent conversion of $660.97 to his own us.

The money was stated to have been entrusted to Defendant by Mr A. G. Dalziel, manager of the Central Meat Company, Windsor House, by whom he was employed, on June 2, to pay to the Kau Kee Meat Store, Central Market, for the settlement of an account.

Defendant said Mr M. A. da Silva would appear for him and he was instructed not to plead.

On the application of Det.- Inspector J. O'Donovan Defendant was remanded for 72 hours. He was allowed $1,000 bail.

Sequel To Traffic Accident

Appearing on remand before Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Pte Thomas Peter Durban, 27, of the Royal Army Service Corps, charged with the manslaughter of a woman named Ho Sze, was remanded for 24 hours when the case will commence before Mr H. C. Macnamara.

The charge is a sequel to a traffic fatality in Kowloon City, it is understood.

Traffic Sub-Inspector A. R. Brittain is in charge of the case.

HUGE WAR ORDERS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—Brigadier General Henry Somervell, Construction Chief of the Quartermaster Division told the House sub-Committee to-day that he had received orders "within the past 24 hours" to undertake work totalling approximately one billion dollars.

The General declared that he was not allowed to divulge the details of the work. However, it is known that the Army possesses plans to construct 28 new cantonments each accommodating 35,000 men for use whenever it is decided to increase the Army from 1,400,000 men to 2,800,000. It is not known, however, whether the General referred to camp projects. He asserted, "We are going all out. By and large the work is being done in a praiseworthy fashion."

U. S. NAVAL SHUFFLE

Transports Acquired

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has issued an executive order directing that an unspecified number of Coast Guard officers and enlisted men be transferred to help operate certain naval vessels.

Meanwhile the Maritime Commission has issued a list of 28 merchant vessels, including the liner, America, which have been acquired for the Army and Navy.

Cruiser Perth Safe Though Hit At Crete

LONDON, June 4 (British Wireless).—A Melbourne press message states that Mr W. M. Hughes, Minister of the Navy, has revealed that during the evacuation from Crete, the cruiser Perth, which transported 1,000 troops, was intensively bombed.

Though she was hit and sustained damage from a near miss, she was safe. Four were killed and three injured.

BELGIAN CONGO AND KENYA

NAIROBI, June 4 (Reuter).—The Governor of Kenya, Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, and his wife, have left for the Congo by air on an official visit to the Governor General, it is officially announced here.

Hitler's Doom Foretold By Chinese Soothsayer

Local Chinese circles are busy discussing the latest astrological forecast which has originated in Macao. These forecasts have in the past proved remarkably accurate, according to Chinese sources, and the vernacular press has made play with the latest manifestation.

It appears that Chinese soothsayer in Macao succeeded, after five attempts, in inducing a spirit to descend, who called himself the "Yuen Kung Tsz" (Philosopher of Mysterious Space). In response to a question about the situation in Europe and the Far East, the spirit induced a Chinese rhyme, of which the following is a free translation:

> Underneath the Sea-king's Star,
> Men in myriads suffer war.
> Ten years' luck is on the wane;
> Summer comes to bring him bane,
> Serpent Year, the jar is shattered;
> Pillar tall in ruin scattered.
> Year of Horse, the tale's complete,
> Death's Black River at his feet.
> Then his Guiding Star shall fade.
> Ram and Bladel Ram and Bladel
> Mysterious is Heaven's way
> Fate that South and East doth sway
> When the weak and starving Horse
> Stumbles in its onward course
> Eastern men shall see their error
> And the world have peace from terror.

Disaster For Hitler

Astrologers say that Hitler's fate is governed by Neptune, which connotes mystery, violence and danger from trusted associates. The rhyme seems to foretell disaster for Hitler this year, followed next year by his death. In astrological terminology, Serpent year in this year: the following year is Horse Year. The last four lines are thought to point to the Far Eastern situation.

Polish Training Camps Turning Out An Army

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—General Sikorski's visit to the United States and his conversation with President Roosevelt aroused great enthusiasm in Poland, declared the Polish Commander-in-Chief in a statement on the results of his American tour to the Polish National Council in London to-day.

The Polish President, M. Raczkiewich, and all members of the Government were present.

General Sikorski was welcomed by the Acting Vice-Chairman of the National Council, Dr Lieberman, the well-known Polish Socialist leader.

General Sikorski said that Polish pilots and sailors were on active service and a Polish Brigade in the Middle East, under the command of General Wavell, had taken up its position.

Helping Defend Britain

The Polish forces which were defending an important sector of Britain could easily be enlarged by new recruits from Polish manpower in the Western Hemisphere.

The organisation of Polish military training camps in Canada, therefore, had become an acute problem and the Polish Government had decided to spend part of its gold reserves for this object.

The first large comfortable camp would be established at Owen Sound, Ontario, and the second at Windsor. General Sikorski hoped that the Polish forces might be further enlarged next year in readiness for offensive action on the Continent.

General Sikorski paid a warm tribute to the assistance the United States is giving the Allies and expressed his sincere belief that the unlimited potentialities of the United States' war industry would bring victory.

FILIPINOS IN BUS INCIDENT

Carried Knives

Two Filipino seamen, Carbo Tranquilina, 30, and Pricilo Suhian, 25, were charged before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Central Magistracy this morning with possession of two knives.

Sub-Inspector W. L. Clark stated that about 8.20 p.m. on June 4, four Filipinos, including Defendants, boarded bus No. 413 outside Taikoo Docks. First Defendant tendered a $10 note for the payment of the fare and received the charge from the conductor.

When the bus was in its way, first Defendant told the conductor that the change was short. An argument ensued and as a result the parties went to the Police station where Defendants were found to have the knives in their possession.

Defendants stated that it was a custom in the Philippines to carry knives around. They were bound over in $5 for six months.

British Oil For Thailand

Important Effects

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, June 4 (UP).—Major Vilas Osthananda told the "United Press" to-day that British oil companies, through the good offices of the Straits Government, have agreed to supply oil to Thailand in an undetermined amount, but "sufficient to save Thailand from a serious shortage."

The Major stressed the fact that although the negotiations do not constitute an Anglo-Thai rapprochement, the conversations with defence chiefs and civic leaders in Singapore had "cleared up many misunderstandings which had been created by foreign propaganda."

Meanwhile, Admiral Layton declared that the Thai Mission is nearing a successful conclusion with the British oil companies and that Thai's leaning toward Britain is "discernible."

BATTLE OF ATLANTIC

Efficacy Of U.S. Patrol Discussed

WASHINGTON, June 4 (Reuter).—The United States Navy has not yet been able to determine whether the expansion of the United States naval patrol has substantially reduced the effectiveness of German submarine operations.

This was stated by Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, to-day. The Germans, he said, were claiming a tremendous number of sinkings, but "hitherto the British had generally been right" in contending that the true figures were much less than the German claims.

To Train Pilots

Colonel Knox, who was speaking at his press conference, disclosed that the United States Navy had offered to train pilots for Britain similarly to the undertaking of the United States Army.

Colonel Knox understood that the initial contingent would number 3,000.

Colonel Knox also reported that the British had made no new requests for destroyers but were asking for all help possible in merchantmen transfers.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Narrowly Irregular

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was narrowly irregular, operators tending to mark time in view of Eastern Mediterranean uncertainty.

Gilt-edged holdings were a fraction lower, and industrials were irregular.

B.A.T.'s were 84s 4d against 87s 6d on reduction of the interim dividend from 9d to 7d. Stores were again lower.

There was some improvement in Kaffirs, in which the Cape bought non-producers.

Oils occasionally suffered minor losses.

Wall Street was dull.

Kaiser's Burial Arrangements

BERLIN, June 4 (UP).—Informed German circles have confirmed the report that the ex-Kaiser will be buried at Doorn. The funeral will probably be held on Monday. At the ex-Kaiser's own wish, the funeral will be very quiet with only a small number of persons attending. Although the funeral will be private, representatives of Hitler and the present Government will probably attend. The German Government will also send wreaths, but there will be no State funeral.

Etonian Toppers Mark June 4

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—The traditional dress of swallow-tail coats and silk hats was adhered to by Eton College boys in to-day's Fourth of June celebrations, but clothes rationing may make it the last occasion until after the war.

The celebrations were among the quietest on record.

The bombing of the Upper School last December made it impossible for speeches to be delivered in the historic building for the first time in 170 years.

Photographic Contest Is Open to All This Year

Arrangements have now been completed for the holding of the Eleventh Annual Photographic Competition to be conducted by the "Hongkong Telegraph."

It has been necessary to restrict and revise the classes this year in order to comply with the Regulations relating to the carrying of cameras, and although this will eliminate one of the most fertile fields—land and sea-scapes, there will still be considerable scope for the exercise of originality on the part of competitors.

Section One, will cover all phases of indoor photography, with the exception of portraiture, or studies of plants and flowers, which must be entered under the other sections. There is ample scope here for originality, such as domestic studies, pastimes, still life and table-top work, interior decoration, pictures of pets etc.

Section Two will cover every aspect of portraiture, and should provide an excellent opportunity for the increasingly popular photo-flood and photo-flash photograph.

Section Three, devoted to studies of plants and flowers offers a splendid opportunity for the exercise of the artistic faculty in either garden or interior studies. Flowers and plants have always been well represented in previous competitions, although usually entered in the Still Life Section.

Handsome Prize List

Messrs. Ilford, Ltd. of London, have again donated two Silver cups for the best and second-best pictures in the competition, irrespective of class. It has been decided that the two pictures gaining these much coveted awards, will not be entitled to other prizes.

The Eastman Kodak Company have again given three handsome silver cups as first prizes in each section. These will be known as the Kodak Silver Trophies. Cash prizes to the value of $250 have been donated by the *Telegraph*. In addition, all prize-winners and commended entries will be awarded a special certificate.

Open Competition

For the first time in the history of these competitions, there will be no restrictions as to amateur or professional status, the competition being an open one on the lines of similar leading photographic events in other parts of the world. The standard of the Craftsmen's Section—included for the first time last year, was of such a high order, that it is felt that local amateurs will hold their own with professionals.

Another new rule will be incorporated, disallowing the use of aliases by competitors. It is felt that the practice is not desirable, and liable to lead to dissatisfaction on the part of those who enter under their own name.

The competition starts immediately, and pictures may be sent in at any time, addressed to "Photographic Competition", The "Hongkong Telegraph", Morning Post Building. The closing date will be September 30.

The rules and other particulars will be published shortly.

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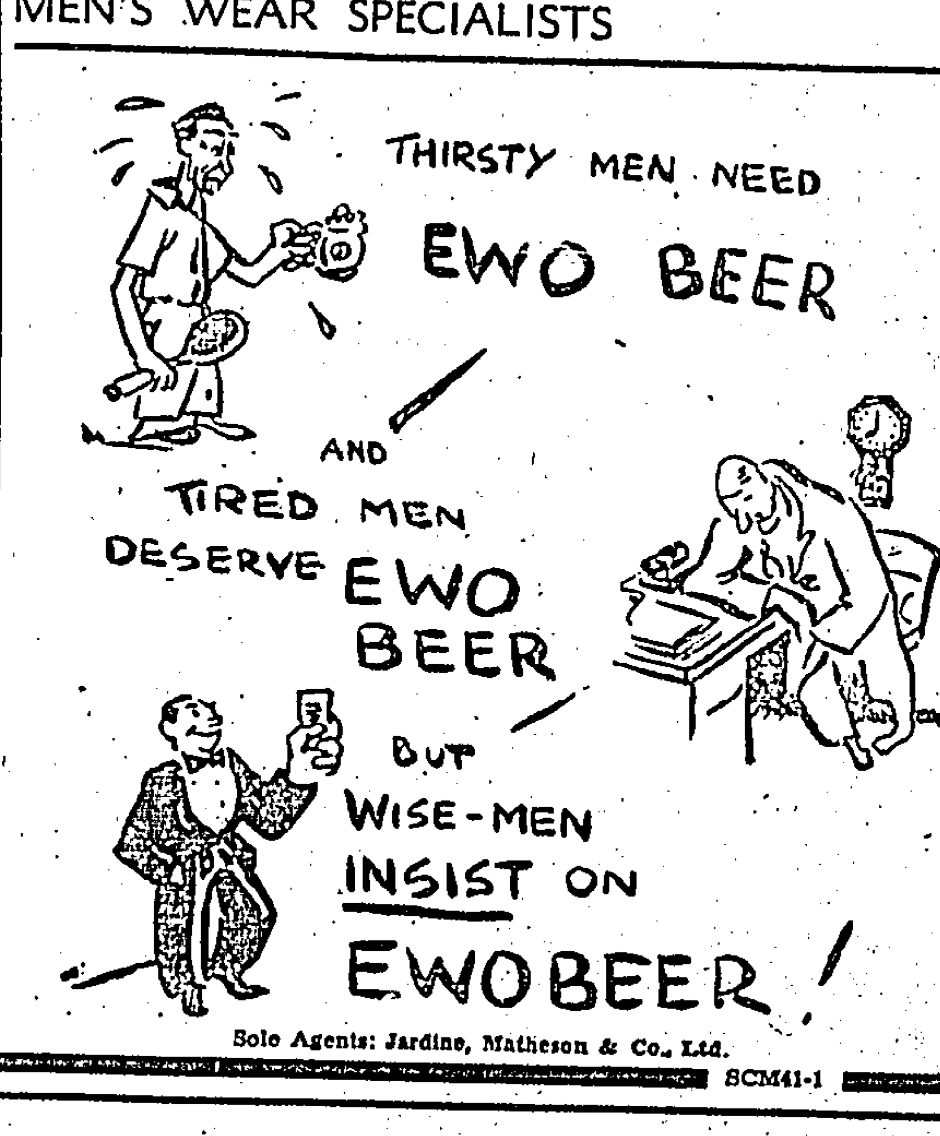

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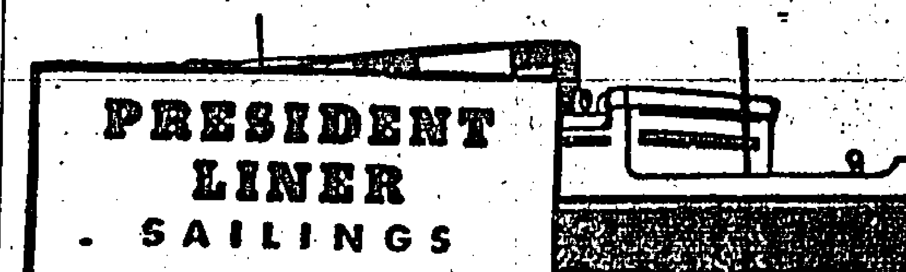

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"WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

Disastrous Week-end For Club de Recreio

Thrilling Climax To Champions-K.B.G.C. 'A' Game

Bad Year For Kowloon C.C.

SATURDAY LAST was a sorry day for Club de Recreio. Three of their four teams in the Lawn Bowls League were defeated, and to make things even worse, the "B" team in the First Division, until then undefeated, went down badly to Craigengower C.C. at Happy Valley, losing on all three rinks. The Portuguese have not had such a bad week-end for a long time.

Last week also saw the first "possible" of the season being scored. To W. J. Howard's Kowloon Tong rink fell the honour, their victims being W. J. Bagley's Prison Officers' rink. In addition to this eight, A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A") and K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.) each scored a seven during the afternoon.

In the big match of the day, between Kowloon B.G.C. "A" and Club de Recreio "A", at Austin Road, everything pointed to a comfortable victory for the champions until the last three heads.

Adam Holland and "Spuggy" Silva finished their game three heads faster than the others—they made a tie of it—and the scores then were 21-14 in R. F. Luz's favour against A. J. Hall and 17-10 in C. G. Silva's favour against J. McKelvie. With a lead of 14 shots, it looked odds on the Portuguese team winning by 4½ points to ½.

But there was a complete transformation on the 19th head when Hall's rink, by persistent drawing, scored a seven. It was not a head over which to enthuse; the first two or three shots were about two feet away from the kitty and the rest were strung out from three to six feet.

Luz, however, was blocked by some badly-placed front woods and failed to alter the position, whereas Hall, by playing on his own woods, added to the count with both his shots.

This was bad enough, for in one head Hall had wiped out h's deficit, but worse was to follow.

On the next end, Hall played a beautiful shot with his last wood to take a single and lead 22-21. And in the last head, in an attempt to score two shots, Luz had the misfortune to cut the jack to give his opponents three.

This happened before C. G. Silva and McKelvie played their last head, on which the latter obtained a brace to give his side victory by one shot.

Perhaps if Luz had known how close the scores were all round, he would not have taken any risk. For if he had tried to draw first shot with his last wood and failed, Hall would have been left with only a single and then McKelvie in the last head would have had to score three to tie and four to win.

This last head in the game between Luz and Hall was a good one and is worth describing. I have seen it reported elsewhere that Hall was lying one when the skips went down; actually, he was having three. Luz took two out with a drive and as Hall could not add to the count, two courses were left open to the Portuguese skip.

He could either drive again or try a dead draw. He was advised by his No. 3 (Jackie Noronha) against driving, so he tried the draw. The back hand was open, but even if he succeeded on this hand he could only get one out of it, whereas if he went up on the forehand, there was a chance of playing on a front wood (which was the second shot) and getting two.

The only danger in the latter course was that in order to push the front wood up for a counter, Luz had to have a little more weight than was required for a dead draw—in which case, if he missed the wood, he might move the jack.

This was exactly what happened. He missed his front wood and cut the jack to the right where three K.B.G.C. woods were waiting for it!

While I am of the opinion that the result of the match was decided on this rink, credit must also be given to McKelvie for the fight he put up against Carlos Silva, especially in the last head when he scored two to win the match.

Promoted to skip a senior rink, he was very steady and was given good support by H. E. Drew, who drew some lovely woods.

Johnny Ribeiro, who turned out at No. 3 for Carlos Silva, had just returned to the Colony that morning, and considering that he had stepped off the boat only a few hours before, he played quite a good game.

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THAT Craigengower C.C. would beat Recreio "B" at Happy Valley was fully expected; but the Portuguese had hoped to collect one point at least. But their undefeated rink, skipped by A. P. Guterres, was drawn against U. M. Omar's four, who also had not yet been beaten this season.

With the advantage of green, Omar's men won by three shots. A tie would have been a fairer result, and indeed it would have ended thus but for a bit of luck for the homesters.

When the last head was played, Omar was leading by one shot, and when the skips went down Guterres was lying one. Guterres did not add to the score—it was dangerous for him to be up anyhow with the woods as they were—and Omar, after failing with his first wood, was narrow with his second.

However, he had plenty of weight and hit one of his front woods up, this in turn pushing out the Recreio first shot to give himself two.

Of the eight men here, A. M. Rodrigues was the best. The home rink did not play up to form.

In the other two rinks, both B. W. Bradbury and C. S. Rosselet won easily. Rosselet's men were playing particularly well.

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THIS is certainly not the K.C.C.'s good year. So far they have played five matches, not only losing all of them but getting only three points out of a possible 25.

On Saturday they lost to the Police at the Valley by 4-1 and on Sunday, playing at home, they obtained only half a point against the lowly-placed Kowloon Docks.

The changes that have been made in the team have not had the desired effect. Perhaps they are missing the Old Brigade.

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M. N. Rakusen, who holds the singles crown, was the only Civil Service skip to win in the match against Kowloon B.G.C. "B" at the Valley. Given good support by his front men, J. Gellatly, E. Kirman and M. E. Purvis, Rakusen had the better of Bob Duncan by 27-17.

J. G. Meyer, skipping a "B" rink for the first time, made an auspicious debut by trouncing C. Strange by 27-14, while L. Guy, whose rink was strengthened by the inclusion of G. H. Sherriff at No. 3, finished up three shots to the good against J. P. MacGowan.

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AS a result of the defeat of Recreio "A" in the First Division—which has made the championship very open again—Kowloon Tong and Kowloon F.C., in the Second Division, are the only teams in the whole League who have not yet been beaten.

These two clubs are going great guns in this section. Last week Kowloon Tong entertained the Prison Officers and won by 5-0 while the K.F.C. visited Kowloon C.C. and did likewise.

Kowloon Tong, at the head of the League Table, are in a very strong position as they are five points ahead of the K.F.C. although they have played a match more.

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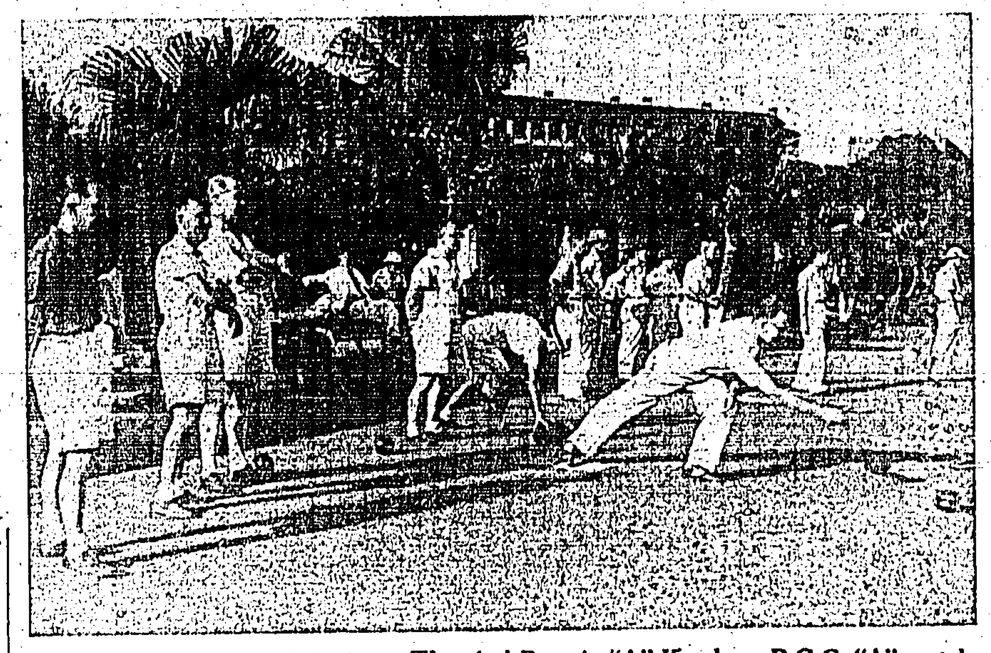
STARTING the season with a rush by winning their first three matches, the Indians, in the Third Division, have been badly beaten in their last two matches.

Last week they lost to Kowloon F.C. at Chatham Road, S. M. Rumjahn being the only visiting skip to win. They started the game very badly and after the first five heads were nearly 20 shots down all round. They finally lost by six shots.

Jim Ferrier Turns Pro.

CHICAGO.—Jim Ferrier, Australian star barred from the national amateur golf tournament last year, has accepted a post as professional at the Elmhurst (Ill.) Country Club, Fred B. Snite Sr of Chicago, club president, announced recently. Ferrier came to the United States about a year ago, possessor of both the Australian open and amateur championships. Just before the national amateur sectional qualifying rounds he was notified by the United States Golf Association he was ineligible because of a book on golf written by him.



The vital Recreio "A"-Kowloon B.G.C. "A" match in progress at the Bowling Green last Saturday. A. Hyde Lay bowling, with J. F. V. Ribeiro (Rec.), J. A. Luz (Rec.), H. E. Drew (K.B.G.C.) and L. Sykes (K.B.G.C.) watching; and C. E. Marques (Rec.) selecting his next wood.—*Ming Yuen.*

Water-polo

Navy "A" Beat Middlesex "B" In Y.M.C.A. Pool

TWO MATCHES in the water-polo Tournament were held yesterday. Navy A, after being two goals down, recovered to beat Middlesex B 4-2 at Y.M.C.A. and Navy B and 5th A.A. Regt. shared four goals in the dockyard

Navy A made one or two changes and took some time to settle down but it was only rank bad marking that cost them the two goals. Bradley scored twice for Middlesex and Navy replied through Paul and Carter. In the second half Navy forged ahead when Paul and Hoare netted and they dominated the latter stages.

Y.M.C.A. Team

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. against Royal Navy "B" in a Water-polo Tournament match this evening at 6.30 p.m. in the "Y" pool:

F. Willis; L. A. Benn and P. Wilson; A. F. May; Sub.-Lieut. Winter, N. D. Booker and L. A. C. Gracie.

Australian Soccer Tour

Sydney, May 27.

Members of the visiting Chinese soccer team assembled at the Cenotaph, and the captain placed a wreath.

Leagues For Miniature Rifle Shooting Teams

SEPARATE LEAGUES will be commenced as early as possible for Open and Aperture Sights under S.M.R.C. Rules. Matches will be at 25 yards range and will normally be Weekly Postal Matches, although teams may make individual arrangements for shoulder-to-shoulder matches.

Each Unit may enter an unlimited number of teams of four in each league, the affiliation fee being H.K.$6 per team per season.

The same team may shoot in both Aperture and Open Sight Leagues.

Target cards for each League Match will be provided by the H.K.R.A.

Colony Matches

Entries have been made for the Colonial Small Bore Match in both Aperture and Open Sights, the teams for which will be chosen from members of the League Teams. On the basis of last year's results, Hongkong has an excellent chance of winning this match.

Arrangements are in progress for a friendly match between a team representing the Colony and an Australian Rifle Club.

Handicap Competitions

It is hoped that this will lead to several friendly matches with overseas Clubs, including a shoot with the National Rifle and Pistol Association of the Philippines.

It is proposed to hold a Monthly Handicap Spoon Competition, details of which will be announced later.

Any information required regarding miniature shooting (.22) may be obtained from Mr A. F. Evans, Royal Air Force Station, Kai Tak, Kowloon.

Major Baseball

Only Two Games Played Owing to Rain

NEW YORK, June 4 (UP).—Only one game was played in the National Baseball League to-day owing to rain. Two of the American fixtures were washed out, and the other—Philadelphia v. Chicago—is a night game.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
St Louis	2	9	3
Battery: Gumbert, Mancuso.			
Boston	4	11	1
Battery: Johnson, Masi.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington	4	9	0
Battery: Anderson, Carrasquel, Evans			
Early.			
St Louis	7	8	0
Battery: Ostermueller, Kramer, Ferrell.			

Lawn Bowls Rinks For The Week-end

The following are Club selections for this week's programme in the Lawn Bowls League:—

FIRST DIVISION

Recreio "A":—J. Luz, C. E. Marques J. F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva (skip); L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, H. A. Alves, F. X. Silva (skip); F. X. Soares, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz (skip).

Recreio "B":—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios, J. J. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, B. Basto, F. Souza, L. J. Silva (skip); C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Guterres (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio:—A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, C. A. Lopes, O. P. Remedios (skip); E. L. Barros, E. M. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves, J. H. Soares (skip); A. P. Pereira, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios, C. C. Pereira (skip).

K.F.C.:—A. Lapsley, V. Atienza V. Chittenden, W. C. Fields (skip); W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern, P. Younghusband (skip); A. A. Dand, C. Dowman, W. C. Simpson, T. Fergusson (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

Rrecreio:—L. A. Rozario, F X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha M. A. Carvalho (skip); C. F. Rozario, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon (skip).

Sunday's Matches

K.F.C.:—D. Thomson, B. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller, B. D. Evans (skip); W. C. Ogley, G. Frost, Y. Abbas, J. T. Smalley (skip); G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A Macintyre, R. Ogden (skip).

Reserves:—J. Gibson, L. Bones, W. Seraphine, L. Mullett.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

K.F.C. (2nd Div. v. C.C.C.):—A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden, C. Fields (skip); W. Naef, A Eastman, E. Kern, P. Younghusband (skip); A. A. Dand, C. Dowman, W. C. Simpson T. Fergusson (skip).

Reserves:—J. Gibson, W. C. Ogley.

Recreio (3rd Div. v. C.C.C.):—L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); F. Sequira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho (skip); C. F. Rozario, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon (skip).

H.F.R.C.:—A. P. Tarbuck, W. E. Macfarline, A. G. Gardner L. de Rome (skip); J. H. Way, W. Stonehouse, W. Stoker, J. R. Way, W. Stonehouse, W. Stoker, J. F. Lunny (skip); R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron, R. C. Butler (skip).

"C" Division Tennis

Craigengower Trounce Indians 9-0

Craigengower Cricket Club's "C" Division tennis team, powerful enough to take on teams in the higher Division, proved far too good for the Indian R.C. in their League match at Happy Valley yesterday, and won by 9-0.

Lee Wah-kek and J. W. Leonard won three sets with the loss of only three games, but W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo went one better and conceded only two games in winning their three matches.

Scores were:

ARMY 7½ K. TONG 1½

At Sookunpoo. Army beat Kowloon Tong 7½-1½.

Emberton and Duffield drew with S. Hsu and D. Chen 6-0; beat K. M. Lee and A. H. Basto 6-1; beat L. Chan and D. Kwok 6-1.

Webb and Denyer lost to Hsu and Chen 4-6; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

Murray and Megson beat Hsu and Chen 6-4; beat Lee and Basto 6-3; beat Chan and Kwok 6-3.

The match between Chinese A and B was postponed.

C.C.C. 9 I.R.C. 0

At Happy Valley Craigengower beat Indians 9-0.

Lee Wah-kek and J. W. Leonard beat A. Rahmin and M. A. Wahab 6-3; beat I. Kitchell and M. Hassan 6-0; beat M. P. Madar and A.H.H. Esmail 6-0.

C. Yu Lai and Y. L. Pao beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-1; beat Kitchell and Hassan 7-5; beat Madar and Esmail 6-3.

W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-0; beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1; beat Madar and Esmail 6-1.

UNIVERSITY 3¼ K.I.T.C. 5¼

At Pokfulam. Kowloon Indians beat University, 5½-3½.

S. A. and S. S. Hussain beat C. K. Cheah and T. Liu, 6-1, beat S. L. Yong and T. K. Hui, 6-0, beat Y. Ip and T. C. Lo 6-0.

H. M. Singh and S. A. M. Sepher beat Cheah and Liu 6-3, beat Yong and Hui 6-2, lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

M. Ramzam and J. Khan drew with Cheah and Liu 6-6, lost to Yong and Hui 3-6, lost to Ip and Lo 3-6.

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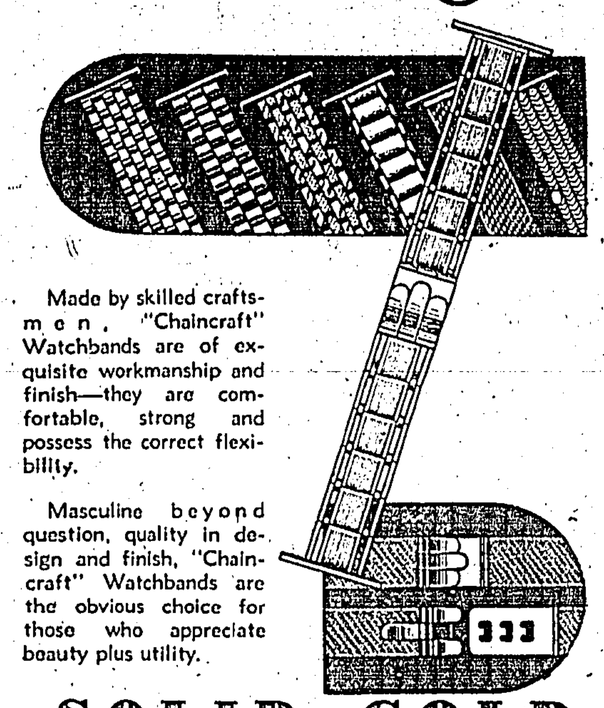

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By Ernie Bushmiller

SCHEME TO STOP PROFITEERING

The British Government intends to put a stop to profiteering. A new bill now in preparation will aim particularly at the activities of unnecessary middlemen and speculators.

Experience of the working of the Limitation of Supplies Orders has shown the Board of Trade that new powers are needed to prevent price increases due to commission transactions between registered firms and other traders. Activities of intermediaries will be curbed and a check put on speculative dealing in goods.

Capt. Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, announced in the House of Commons recently that legislation on the subject would be introduced shortly.

Conditions, he said, had changed since the passing of the Price of Goods Act. The Act had worked satisfactorily up to the present in keeping prices generally at reasonable level in relation to costs.

New Measure Needed

"But," he added, "I am satisfied that a further measure of price regulation is needed."

The new bill will fix maximum wholesale and retail prices for a wide range of goods in common use, and also for such services as the storage of furniture. It will not apply to food, which is dealt with separately.

Besides fixing prices the Board of Trade will lay down maximum wholesale and retail percentage margins. It will also have power to deal with manufacturers' prices and margins.

Penalties for profiteering will be severe, including imprisonment up to two years and fines up to £500.

Minister With A Barrow

Impressed by the appeals of his bombed-out parishioners to save their furniture lying under debris the Rev. E. Ralph, Baptist minister, of Catford Hill Church, became a salvage officer and furniture remover in his spare time.

Borrowing a coster's barrow, the minister, aided only by his caretaker, Mr Geddes, has salvaged and stored in the church hall, free of charge, the goods of 30 families; Roman Catholics, Jews, Church of England and Baptists.

"About ten families have given me the furniture to use as I wish," he said.

"I give it to needy families or sell it to well-to-do ones. With the money I help out poor people who have to go to the country.

Coloured Clogs Are Latest

Clogs without clatter—new slogan of Britain's clogmakers—plus wartime needs and leather supply difficulties are bringing a boom in the demand for rubber-soled models.

But what a contrast to those in which Lancashire and Yorkshire mill-girls used to clatter over the cobbles to work!

Now with uppers made of bright red, green and blue leather and the wooden soles covered with rubber, dainty clogs are being produced to be worn with the smartest outdoor clothes.

Already they are being worn by Yorkshire girls. Soon, judging by the number of orders pouring into the Bradford firm which has created the new style, they will be seen in many other parts of the country.

A contract for thousands of pairs of clogs for A.T.S. girls and Wrafs to wear on camp duty has recently been placed.

Chance Find

Coloured leather uppers came into use by chance. "Previously we had concentrated on plain stout clogs with uppers of black or tan leather for wear by factory workers and children," the head of a Bradford firm said.

"The war brought supply difficulties. Finding there were big stocks of coloured leather available, we decided to experiment, and we think the clog which has resulted is as smart as anything yet produced by shoemakers for outdoor wear.

"We are experiencing an enormous demand from war workers. Clogs are also popular among air-raid shelterers, who say there is nothing to beat them for keeping the feet warm and dry.

"Clogs are cheap, too. Our new style will probably retail at about 12s. a pair, and the cost of re-clogging them is small compared with that of boot and shoe repairs, while we reckon the uppers will last twice as long as an ordinary shoe."

Sweden Now Replacing Her Shipping Losses

Sweden's merchant shipping loss—95 ships totalling 342,545 tons since the war began—is being replaced rapidly by new construction, according to recent Swedish information.

Fifty new ships with a total tonnage of 235,000 were launched at Swedish yards in 1940, and 45 ships totalling 190,000 tons already have been delivered. At the beginning of this year another 50 vessels, aggregating about 550,000 tons, were either under construction or contracted for.

At present Sweden has 850,000 tons of shipping or 40 per cent. of existing tonnage outside the blockade. Another 1,000,000 tons is inside the Skagerrak barrier. Most of those ships outside the blockade are employed in carrier service including convoy service to Great Britain. Vessels inside the blockade are for the most part coastwise craft or trans-Baltic carriers.

63 Ships Idle

On Jan. 1 this year the number of idle Swedish ships of over 300 tons was 63, making a total tonnage of 207,000. This includes the Gripsholm and the Drottingholm of the Swedish American Line, while the Kungsholm still is in the cruise service out of New York.

Though five Swedish ships are allowed by the British to pass monthly through the blockades, there will be no increase in the tonnage outside the barriers. Every ship that enters must either come out or be replaced with another of the same size.

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RECORDING THE NEWS: HOW THE BBC WORKS

Listeners to BBC news bulletins often hear the announcer say something like this: 'Our Observer, Robin Duff, visited Dover this afternoon. Here are his impressions recorded on the spot.' How the Observer's impressions are recorded and later broadcast to the world is described in this article, written by a senior member of the BBC's Engineering Staff.

A vital task of broadcasting is to give an accurate and vivid impression of contemporary life and current events. The most direct way of doing this is by means of sound pictures which combine the actual sounds of events with the voices of the men and women taking part in them. Sometimes this can be done by roving microphones, connected by telephone line to a studio centre, but the most interesting topical material is sometimes to be found at places remote from telephone lines or at times unsuitable for broadcasting. It must then be collected by means of a mobile recording unit.

Before describing the activities of the mobile units in wartime, let us look at the equipment itself. It is of two kinds—a heavy type mounted in a large van and a light portable apparatus carried in a saloon car. Each of these has its special uses; both make records in the form of discs which are somewhat similar in appearance to ordinary twelve-inch gramophone records, but consist of a coating of special cellulose varnish on a base of aluminium.

They are ready for playing as soon as the record has been cut, without any of the elaborate intermediate processes involved in making ordinary records, and each disc can be played twenty or thirty times before it becomes noticeable to those used in the disc-recording rooms at BBC studios.

Electric currents, corresponding to the sound waves picked up by the microphone, cause vibrations of a recording stylus which cuts a wavy spiral track in the varnish on the surface of the disc. The spiral motion is obtained by causing the recording head which carries the stylus to move slowly across the surface of the disc while the latter is rotating on the turn-table. When the disc is played, currents similar to those which were applied to the recording cutter are produced by the vibrations of the needle in the gramophone pick-up; after amplification these currents can be made to reproduce the original sound through a loudspeaker, either directly or through the medium of wireless transmission.

Mobile Unit

A mobile unit of the heavier type consists of a motor van, weighing about six tons when laden, the body of which is divided into two compartments. One compartment is acoustically treated so as to form a small studio suitable for speech. The other contains two sets of recording equipment (so that a continuous recording can be made by passing from one turn-table to the other as each disc is finished) together with the associated amplifiers, the controlling and switching equipment, and the battery-charging plant.

Recordings can be made either of speech from the microphone in the studio compartment; or of speech or other sounds picked up by other microphones outside the van and connected to it by cables.

The van can work away from its base, if necessary, for several weeks at a time and, since the equipment is all operated from batteries which can be charged from the engine of the van, it is self-contained and independent of electric supply mains. The size of the van makes it possible to accommodate the most complete technical equipment for controlling the programme and checking the accuracy of the recording, and also to employ the most robust and convenient form of recording apparatus.

The turn-tables can be made level by hydraulically operated adjustments so that recordings can be made when the van is standing on a slope. The speed of the turn-tables can be accurately adjusted, and gramophone pick-ups and a loudspeaker are provided for reproducing sound from the records when necessary.

Getting The News

Although these heavy recording vans are well suited to many kinds of recording work, experience has proved that a lighter form of mobile equipment is also necessary.

In 1938 the BBC News Department felt the need for a mobile unit which could travel rapidly to any part of the country, obtain a topical news story, and bring the records back the same night (to London or any other BBC studio centre) to be included in the news bulletins. The apparatus had to be sufficiently compact to fit into an ordinary saloon car, light enough to be carried into a building or set up in an aeroplane, and robust enough to withstand travelling over bad roads at high speeds.

Although it would normally be used in the car, the apparatus had to be readily movable so that it could be carried by hand to places to which the car could not be taken. It had also to be independent of external power supplies and to be suitable for use not only as a recording unit, but also for direct outside broadcasting work where suitable Post Office telephone lines were available to carry a 'live' broadcast.

It was also necessary to provide facilities for reproducing a recording and connecting the output to a studio centre. The equipment had also to fit into the car without any modification of the standard bodywork and without fitting any special mountings in the car.

The present design of the light recording unit is the result of a study of the problem by BBC engineers. It is not possible for such a compact unit to provide all the advantages of the heavier one—it cannot make a continuous recording lasting longer than the duration of a single disc (about four minutes), and it lacks many of the facilities and refinements which are provided by the heavy van. But where speed is essential it has a great advantage, because the saloon car is not subject to the statutory speed limit of twenty miles an hour, which is imposed on the large van; moreover, it can be manoeuvred more easily in narrow streets and parked in more restricted spaces.

The Recording Apparatus

The apparatus consists of three main parts: the recording machine, the amplifier, and the power-supply unit.

The recording machine consists essentially of a heavy turn-table, the cutter-head, and the tracking gear which gives the correct spiral form to the groove. The turn-table is driven by an electric motor operated from a twelve-volt accumulator battery. The shaft of this motor carries a small rubber wheel which is in contact with the rim of the turn-table, so that the latter is driven smoothly and evenly at a considerably lower speed than that of the motor. The same motor also drives the tracking mechanism; this includes a leadscrew which is supported behind the turn-table and extends across the width of it. As it rotates, this lead-screw carries a rigid arm slowly across the turn-table from the outer edge of the disc towards the centre; to the end of this arm is attached the cutter-head, which looks very much like an ordinary gramophone pick-up except that instead of a steel needle there is a steel cutter, the edge of which is accurately shaped to carefully calculated angles. The action of the currents which are passed through the cutter-head is to vibrate the cutter from side to side and so produce a waviness in the spiral groove corresponding to the sounds which are being recorded.

Amplifier

The weak currents produced by the microphone are applied to the input of an amplifier which gives an output sufficient to operate the recording cutter. This amplifier has three stages of amplification and uses the principle of 'negative feed-back' to neutralize any distortion which may arise within itself or in the recording head.

The first section of the amplifier is the same as that used for ordinary outside broadcasts, and it may be employed for this purpose by switching off the output stage and connecting the telephone line to the terminals provided. In this condition the amplification is sensibly the same for all frequencies from fifty to eight thousand cycles per second, i.e. for all the notes on a piano from the lowest G to more than an octave above the highest note.

On the top of the amplifier there are two input sockets—one for connecting a moving-coil microphone, the other for connecting either the electrical pick-up for reproducing recorded discs or a three-channel microphone mixing unit; the latter is used for selecting or combining the various outputs when more than one microphone is used. On the front of the amplifier there are mounted a peak programme meter and a controlling 'potentiometer'—or volume-control—to ensure that the correct volume is applied to the recording head throughout the recording.

Recorder

The recording machine is provided with two main operating levers—one to engage the tracking mechanism to start the traverse of the cutter across the disc and the other to lower the cutter-head on to the blank disc at the moment when the recording is to start. Provision is also made for varying the depth of the cut, the angle of the cutting stylus, and the speed with which the recording head moves towards the centre of the disc. This last adjustment determines the pitch of the spiral track, i.e. the number of grooves per inch which appear on the disc.

During recording, a brush moves across the face of the disc and sweeps up the thread of 'swarf' which is cut from it, and which is thus prevented from becoming tangled round the cutter. The sweeping movement of the brush is derived from the clamp which holds down the centre of the disc, through a small rubber-tyred wheel which is fixed eccentrically on one end of the brush holder. The brush can be removed and an electrical pick-up plugged into the same socket for playing back the recorded disc. When the pick-up is plugged in, the necessary electrical connections to the amplifier are made automatically.

Accuracy Of Sound Reproduction

To obtain faithful reproduction of the original sounds the speed of rotation of the turn-table must remain constant at the standard rate of seventy-eight revolutions per minute. The speed is constantly checked by means of a 'stroboscope', which consists of a number of holes drilled in the outer rim of the turn-table and of a neon lamp which shines through these holes from beneath. This lamp is supplied with alternating current from a small specially designed oscillator mounted in the case of the recording machine. The spacing of the holes in the rim of the turn-table is related to the rate of flashing of the lamp in such a way that the light appears to remain stationary when the turn-table is rotating at the correct speed, but to move round the turn-table in one direction or the other when the speed is too fast or too slow.

The power-supply unit contains a motor-generator and smoothing circuits for the high-tension supply to the amplifier, the controls necessary for the low-tension circuits, and a variable resistance for regulating the speed of the turn-table. This unit is elastically mounted to reduce vibration and supplies direct current at four hundred volts; it is driven by the accumulator battery. There are two small circuit breakers, one to control the motor-generator and the other to control the filament supply to the amplifier; these switch off the current if an accidental short circuit occurs.

In order that the equipment can be assembled and put into operation with the least possible delay, the connections between the various units are made by means of interconnecting cables fitted with plugs and sockets, the cables being carefully screened, where necessary, to prevent electrical interference. The whole of the equipment operates from two batteries, each consisting of five nickel-iron accumulator cells. One of the batteries has a capacity of a hundred and twenty ampere-hours and the other of eighty ampere-hours, the supply for the filaments being taken from the larger battery. The turn-table motor and the motor-generator take their supply from the two batteries connected in series.

The equipment is normally carried in a fourteen-horse-power saloon car. The supply unit stands on the floor behind the driver's seat. The amplifier rests on the top of it and the recording machine stands on the rear seat of the car. The batteries are carried in the luggage boot and their connecting cables run through the back of the rear seat. The luggage boot also contains cable drums holding up to four hundred yards of screened microphone cable; telephone sets for communication between the microphone points and the recording engineer in the car, the three-channel mixer, loudspeakers, a telescopic microphone stand, and a kit of tools. There are also head-phones for checking the programmme when it is not convenient to use a loudspeaker.

'We Are Now Taking You Over To. . . .!'

When the records have been made, they are either taken to one of the BBC studio centres or played back in the car itself, the output being connected by a telephone line to the studio centre. Lines used for the transmission of a programme are specially tested by the lines engineers of the BBC and 'equalized' so that they respond equally to all frequencies within the range necessary for the faithful transmission of music.

For reproducing recordings in this way, the car is taken to a telephone exchange where connections can be made directly to the telephone lines. In order that the recording may be started at precisely the right moment to fit into the broadcast programme of which it is to form part, it is necessary for the recording engineer in the car to hear the cue which is the signal for him to lower the pick-up on the record and 'fade up' the output. This cue may either be taken on another telephone line from the studio centre, or it may be heard on a portable receiver tuned to the programme in which the recording is to be inserted.

In the latter case, the recording engineer will hear the announcer say: 'We are now taking you over to . . . . to hear our observer, whose commentary has been recorded earlier to-day'—or the commentator may speak directly at the microphone, starting on a signal from the engineer, to link together the various recorded items into a connected story.

Each section of the recording is then played over at the appropriate points in the observer's talk.

Smooth presentation of this type of programme demands close co-operation and complete understanding between the recording engineer and the programme staff both at the outside broadcast point and in the studio centre.

Although the equipment is normally operated from the car while stationary, recordings have been made while on the move—following processions, in aeroplanes in the air, in express trains, at sea and even in a submarine diving.

On Active Service

Since the beginning of the war, some of the mobile recording units and the men who use them have seen dangerous and exacting service. On the declaration of war one of the saloon cars was loaded on to a cross-Channel steamer at Dover. It passed through the French customs without delay, and was driven to Paris, where it was left for a time in a deep garage ready for action. When BBC war correspondents were allowed to accompany the B.E.F. early in October 1939, the BBC unit, consisting of a commentator, a programme official, and an engineer took possession of the car. Accommodation was provided at G.H.Q., and an attic was made into a small studio.

During the winter, the extreme cold made it difficult to cut good records, partly because frost patterns formed on the blank discs and affected the surface, and partly because the liquid in the batteries was affected. Temperatures as low as forty degrees Fahrenheit below freezing were encountered, and the engineer even had to take the discs to bed in order that they might be in good condition for cutting next day.

One of the many programmes recorded by this unit took place in the Maginot Line, where the apparatus was taken out of the car and set up on a truck on the miniature railway system which ran through the underground forts. Another was the recording of a march past of the band of the Chasseurs Alpins, which was taken at six-o'clock in the morning in a blinding snow-storm in the Jura Mountains. Many of the broadcasts from France were relayed through the Lille station of the French Post Office, where the French engineers did magnificent work in fixing up lines at very short notice. The mobile unit was also sent from time to time to the R.A.F. headquarters for the use of a second BBC commentator there. The same equipment was used by one of the American broadcasting companies and by the French war correspondents attached to the B.E.F., and also for 'live' broadcasts of the concert parties arranged by E.N.S.A.

During May the unit accompanied the army to Brussels and beyond, then back to Lille, Arras, and Amiens. By this time, it had two sets of equipment at its disposal. Then came the rapid move to Boulogne, during which some of the equipment had to be abandoned at Amiens. The cables between Boulogne and London were still intact, and several despatches were given by BBC observers from Boulogne. After a few days, during which there was frequent bombing, the equipment was brought back to England.

Meanwhile, a second recording unit was with the Advanced Air Striking Force near Rheims; it was through this unit that many listeners at home first heard the sound of falling bombs. The enemy had been particularly active in this area for some time, and during one of the despatches from the R.A.F. a salvo of bombs dropped close to the open window of the studio.

Since their return these recording units have still been engaged in reporting incidents in the war. One of the most outstanding of these recordings was made on the cliffs of Dover. The unit had just taken up its stand there, when a convoy was seen steaming slowly up the Channel. Just as the convoy was passing the point where the recording car was stationed, German dive-bombers attacked it. Anti-aircraft guns went into action, followed by squadrons of fighters. The recording of this action with the running commentary which accompanied it gave a realistic impression of the successful battle which ensued. The records were taken to London and broadcast in the nine o'clock news bulletin that same evening.

During another broadcast from 'Hell-fire Corner', the recording unit was machine-gunned by a Messerschmitt; it suffered no damage and the German machine was brought down by anti-aircraft fire. It also recorded the shell-fire from the long-range guns installed by the Germans on the Channel coast when shells fell in Dover for the first time.

Meanwhile, the work of the mobile recording unit continues—bringing to listeners at home and overseas the sound and scenes of Great Britain at war.

B.B.C. WAIVE WEDDING BAR

THE B.B.C. marriage "bar" to women members of their staff has been waived for the duration.

Before the war, members of the staff wishing to marry had to obtain permission. Cases were considered by a board and if applicants had key positions, and it was considered their domestic life would not interfere with their jobs, permission was granted.

Now that the "bar" has been lifted, a large number of B.B.C. girls have married, and some already-married are being taken on.

British Homes Repaired

Army Engaged

LONDON, June 4 (British Wireless).—Interesting figures relating to bomb damage to house property were given by the Minister of Health today when he disclosed that as many as 80,000 men have been mobilised by the local authorities throughout the country in repair squads.

London, said Mr Ernest Brown, has suffered twice as much damage to private houses as the rest of the country put together, but in most London districts the damaged houses have received first-aid repairs.

London Boroughs

Giving a typical example of the damage done to the more vulnerable London borough, Mr Brown said that of 40,000 houses comprising such a borough, 3,423 had been destroyed or damaged beyond repair, and of 19,240 damaged but repairable, about 5,000 could not be made fit by "first-aid" repairs.

Taking the country as a whole, more than 80 per cent. of the repairable houses had been made wind and watertight and work on this was being speeded up.

Last week, over 30,000 houses were so treated in London alone.

Classification Of Ponies

The following additions and alterations have been made to the Hongkong Jockey Club Classification lists of March 23:

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To "B" Class.—Cheerful Star, Gay Fox and Lucky Lady.

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To "D" Class.—Bruno, Casino, Daylight, Gold Rod, Cornpipe, Look See, Maple Star, Miss Chalfont, Ophir, Seventy Six, Streamlet and War Tax.

To "E" Class.—Buckfastleigh, Double Dutch, National Blessings, National Endurance, Red Rabbit, Rising Star, Rocky Beach, Saratoga, Senorita, Swallow, The Hawk, Willow, Zadderday.

CHINA PONIES

To "B" Class.—Expansion Time, Hopeful Star and King Kong.

To "C" Class.—Humdrum Eve, Oscar Zylch and Red Feather.

To "E" Class.—King's Worthy.

Latest Nazi Fighters Shot Down

LONDON, June 4 (Reuter).—Two of Germany's latest Messerschmitt fighters, MF-109F, were shot down into the English Channel this evening.

They were among a number which attempted to cross the Kent coast above the clouds but were tackled by cannon-firing Spitfires. One British fighter is missing.

The ME-109F is a development of last year's ME-109, the chief new feature being bigger engine power.

Looking After R.A.F. Personnel After War

LONDON, June 4 (British Wireless).—Since the inauguration of the Empire Air Scheme, 180,455 men have applied to enlist in the Royal Australian Air Force and it is announced that the Federal Cabinet has approved a spare time training plan to put members of the R.A.A.F. in skilled operations after the war.

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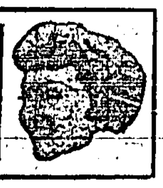

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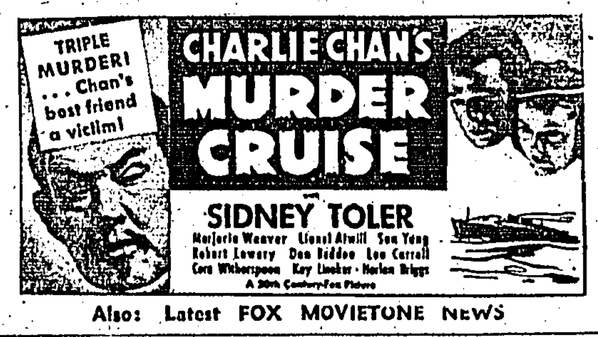

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Registration Of Factory Offence

Messrs Dalziel and Gray of No. 67 Hennessy Road, ground floor, Wanchai, were summoned before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy, this morning, for breach of the Factories and Workshops Ordinance by failing to register their factory on April 18, and were fined $25.

Mr A. G. Dalziel, appearing on behalf of his firm, stated that the factory had been registered but the registration had expired and he had inadvertently omitted to renew it.

Mr D. W. Phillips, Inspector of Factories, stated that Defendants had failed to renew their registration certificate despite two letters and two visits from the Labour Office.

25,000 Free French Soldiers Flee Syria:

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Iraq rebellion, while the determined attacks on Syrian airports and the desertion of Colonel Collet are all having an encouraging effect.

Frontier Is Quiet

Meanwhile the frontier is supremely quiet and after a tour extending from the Mediterranean to the Sea of Galilee, I saw nothing which indicated that secret movements are going on in Syria.

Crops are now ripe: Jews and Arabs alike are peacefully harvesting in the frontier region.

Egypt's Action

CAIRO, June 4 (UP).—The Egyptian Government has issued a communique stating that various regulations applicable to trading, etc., with territories under enemy military occupation or control will henceforth apply to Syria.

Vichy Accuses Britain

VICHY, June 4 (UP).—The Vichy Government officially accused Britain to-day of preparing for action against Syria.

This statement was made after Marshal Petain had conferred with the United States Ambassador, Admiral Leahy who asked for definite information regarding the extent of collaboration between France and Germany.

French Ports For Germans

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distance between Africa and the South American continent no more than about 2,000 miles and would also constitute a further menace to British shipping from West African ports.

Vichy Denial

VICHY, June 4 (Reuter).—Reports published abroad that six French naval bases had been set aside for joint occupation by Franco-German forces are formally denied in authoritative circles here, says the official French news agency.

German Report

LONDON, June 4 (UP).—The spokesman at Free French headquarters asserted to-day that they are investigating the Berlin claims that Colonel Collet had committed suicide, but it is believed that the report is false.

IRAQ OIL WELLS IN DANGER

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ago but it is not known what the situation is at Kirkuk.

Berlin radio recently said that the Germans in north Iraq were prepared to damage the oil facilities if necessary and this is presumed to include the dynamiting of the wells and the damaging of the powerful pumping machinery.

Mosul Oilfields Seized

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—The occupation of Mosul was carried out by British air-borne and ground troops yesterday, according to military circles in Cairo which, owing to lack of news, are unable to state whether the British met with any resistance.

The same circles said that there was no evidence of any particular damage to the oil-pumping stations and that the wells were intact.

Declared Enemy Country

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—The Egyptian Ministry of Finance has placed Syria on the list of countries with which it is forbidden to trade as "being occupied either by Germany or Italy."

Egyptian Cabinet Changes

CAIRO, June 4 (Reuter).—A Cabinet reshuffle is taking place here. Members of the Cabinet have submitted their resignations to the Premier, who in turn sent his resignation to King Farouk to-night.

It is understood that the re-forming of the Cabinet will be completed to-morrow under the same Premier and with the Saadist Party and Wafd still refusing to join the Cabinet.

While the Wafd will still remain outside the Cabinet, this is purely a question of internal politics and has nothing to do with external affairs.

The Wafd wants a general election held first before entering the National Government whereas other parties consider this undesirable in wartime.

The idea of further broadening the basis of the government is generally welcomed here.

How Interest Tax Will Apply In H. K.

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which you can obtain from the War Taxation Department on application.

4.—Interest paid to a limited liability company or to any approved bank is not subject to Interest Tax, and therefore any person who borrows only from a limited liability company or an approved bank is not affected by this tax. A list of approved banks will be published and will be obtainable from the War Taxation Department.

Private Loans

5.—Anyone in doubt about this tax should apply for advice to the War Taxation Department.

Mr Clarke explained that the idea was that "we don't want to bother about loans between private people," —for instance lending without security and as a personal favour. But, if, for instance, a person wanted to buy a lorry and had not the money for it and so borrowed $1,000, that money would not be given without a security. A bill of sale would be given and this would be registered in the Supreme Court. The interest on that bill would be taxed and the borrower must pay that tax to the Department from the interest.

No Undue Inquiry

It was further said that the whole idea was that there would be no need to inquire into loans. It was really to suit the Chinese method of business. The Taxation Department would not need to bother about who was lending the money at all. The whole system was worked out so as to avoid going into our peoples' business.

Referring to the tax not affecting interest paid to a limited liability company or to an approved bank, it was pointed out that the company would be subject to Profits Tax.

With regard to how this proposed tax would affect money lenders, it was pointed out that money lenders would come in under the system of Profits Tax.

Mr Clarke stated that any person wanting further information concerning this Interest Tax could obtain it from the War Taxation Department and a staff is being organised to deal with such inquiries.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers

Union Ins. $405
H.K. Fire Ins. $170
Indo-China (Pref) $80
Docks $14.70
Providents $5.05
Hotels $2.85
Lands $31
Lights "O" $5.80
Lights "N" $1.20
Cements $13
Ropes $0.75
Entertainments $6.25

Sales

Providents $5.07½/5.10
Electrics Rts $11
Telephones "O" $22
Cements $13.25
Ropes $6.90
Watsons $9.00

For obstructing a policeman by giving warning to a hawker of his approach, Wong Sai-ngau, 18, unlicensed hawker, was fined $1 by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Gestapo Blackmails Princess

Imprisoned in a concentration camp, a beautiful Indian princess is being blackmailed by the Nazis to buy her freedom for 2,500,000 francs.

The Princess is the Maharani of Kapurthala, wife of the wealthy Maharajah Jagatjit Singh, one of the most loyal princes of India. They were living in Paris when France fell.

The Maharajah escaped. His wife, thinking she would be left unharmed by the Nazis, remained behind, to follow him as soon as conditions became more normal.

But the Gestapo found her. She was thrown into a concentration camp known as "F 3." It is near Besancon. There she is kept under close guard with political suspects, is given no chance to escape.

When Captain Heinrich Wurzel, camp commandant, realised how wealthy his prisoner was, he offered to let her go if she would agree to pay him 1,000,000 francs.

But the Gestapo found him out and sacked him. Gestapo Colonel Klugge, acting on behalf of Himmler, said the princess could win safe conduct to unoccupied France for 2,500,000 francs.

The money has not yet been paid. The Maharani of Kapurtnala remains at the concentration camp.

J. B. Priestley May Be M.P.

Mr A. P. Herbert, M.P., who recently gave the postscript after the nine o'clock B.B.C. news in place of Mr J. B. Priestley, told his listeners that he is determined to get Mr Priestley into Parliament.

Mr Priestley's postscripts, given each Sunday for several weeks, have aroused considerable controversy. So has his action in starting his own pocket political party, the "1941 Committee," the adherents of which are people who have listened to his broadcasts.

Mr Herbert, who is among Mr Priestley's critics, told his listeners:

"I have said before that I wish Mr Priestley and others like him would come into the House of Commons and help us, and I say it again, because I mean it in a friendly way, not as an impertinence but as a patriotic duty.

"There is no man so wise and fine that Parliament will not be good for him," added Mr Herbert.

LATE NEWS

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